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Armed forces pledge loyalty

Yeltsin: I will win without spilling blood

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ Boris Yeltsin, who appears to have weathered the Moscow political storm, says he will not use force to restore power to the Russian federation

PRESIDENT Yeltsin pledged yesterday that he would win the battle for power in Russia without bloodshed as the armed forces, interior troops and government said that they remained loyal to him despite the challenge to his leadership from Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president.

General Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, whom the rival parliament claimed it had dismissed from office on Tuesday night, appeared in uniform at Mr Yeltsin's side on a walkabout in Moscow and offered his personal support to the Kremlin leader and that of his troops.

Viktor Yerin, the interior minister, who accompanied them, said that his forces were supporting the leader against Mr Rutskoi, who declared that he was taking over the leadership after Mr Yeltsin imposed direct Kremlin rule pending new parliamentary elections.

In Washington, the Clinton administration reiterated its support for Mr Yeltsin and expressed confidence that he would win his power struggle. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said he expected Mr Yeltsin to remain "in control and in charge" until a new parliament was elected in December.

Mr Clinton said: "The US has to be on the side of reform and democracy in Russia, and President Yeltsin represents that ... The situation is calm, and we're hopeful." American officials said Mr Yeltsin had told Mr Clinton on Tuesday night that he did not believe he would have to resort to force.

In Moscow, the parliament called on the army to support the country's "legitimate" authorities and to draw up a secret list of units ready to intervene in the power struggle, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Speaker, said.

The US Senate began a long-scheduled debate on a $2.5 billion (£1.6 billion) aid package for Russia and was expected to approve it. Mr Christopher and Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, who is visiting Washington, said Western aid to Russia should continue, conditional on the reform process continuing.

Most of the Russian regions and even the usually hostile Central Bank, said that they supported Mr Yeltsin, who now seems to be carrying most of the country's significant institutions on his side. However, Valery Zorkin, the chairman of the Constitutional Court, called for simultaneous parliamentary and presidential elections.

Gen Grachev told Tass news agency that he had ordered extra security measures to prevent any split in the armed forces. Special units were being set up to ward off terrorist attacks and the issuing of sidearms would be subject to special permission, he said.

The defence minister said later: "I held negotiations with my commanders of all ranks and they in turn held talks and meetings with all their unit commanders who definitively declared full suport for their commander in chief, President Boris Nikolayevich [Yeltsin]."

His swift and decisive response is a boost to Mr Yeltsin and a blow to Mr Rutskoi, a former colonel who had hoped to swing the army behind him. During his walkabout yesterday, Mr Yeltsin reassure Muscovites: "We ... do not want and do not intend to use any violent methods," he said. "We want everything to go peacefully without a drop of blood being spilt."

He ruled out any compromise with the legislature: "I think that we have had enough of parliament making fools of us and of the people," he said.

Outside the parliament building, about 5,000 protesters cheered as Mr Khasbulatov emerged to announce that he had been forced to resist Mr Yeltsin's "path of crime". He described the move to dissolve parliament as an "anti-constitutional coup".

Only one government minister has so far broken ranks with Mr Yeltsin. Sergei Glazyev, the foreign trade minister, resigned saying that he could not accept an unconstitutional document.

Parliament and Mr Rutskoi's camp now look distinctly wrong-footed. Mr Yeltsin's cause has been bolstered by messages of sympathy from Western leaders and from Nato.

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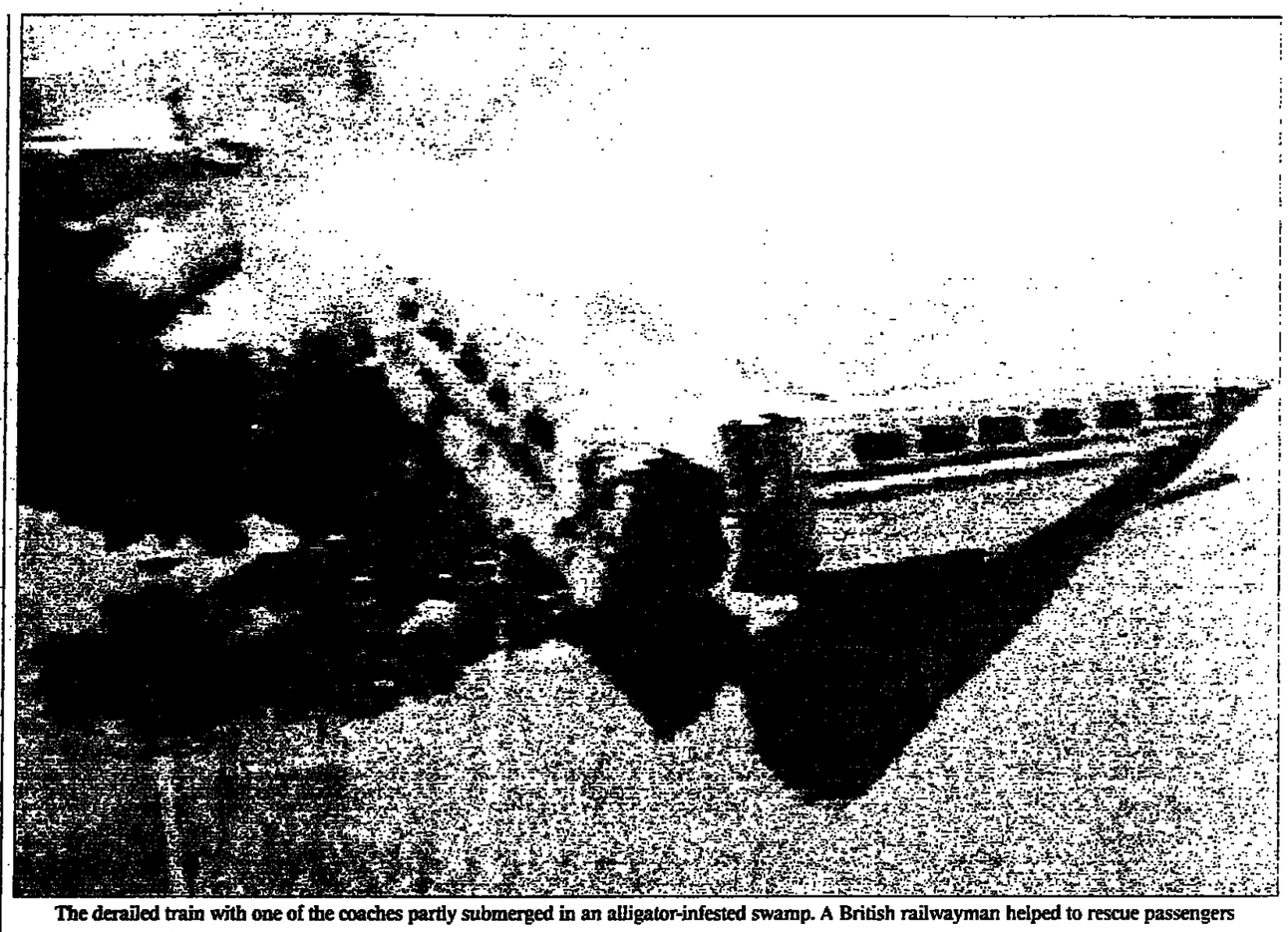


The derailed train with one of the coaches partly submerged in an alligator-infested swamp. A British railwayman helped to rescue passengers

38 die as train plunges into alligator swamp

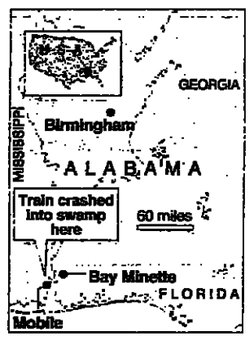
FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AT LEAST 38 people were killed and 15 were still missing yesterday after a train was derailed on a bridge near Mobile, Alabama, and plunged into an alligator-infested swamp.

Amtrak's Sunset Limited express was carrying 206 passengers and crew on the 3,000-mile journey from Los Angeles to Miami when it was derailed at dawn. Coastguard helicopters and boats worked through the morning to rescue more than 150 people. By mid-afternoon hopes were fading fast for the missing 15 passengers and crew.

Witnesses said that a railway bridge across the Mobile river and the Bayou Sara Creek collapsed without warning, sending four of the train's eight coaches and all three of its engines into the water. Two of the submerged coaches carried passengers, Amtrak said.

Simon Grant, 20, a British Rail employee from Reading on a four-week railway-trek holiday, told CNN he had helped to pull other travellers from the wrecked coaches. "I woke up and the train was like a roller-coaster slowing down," he said. "It was like a car hitting a wall. I got up and people were screaming." A railway official smashed a window to allow people to get out. "It was extremely dark; you could not see many of the passengers," he said.



The leading engine caught fire after leaving the rails. The Mobile sheriff's department said that 38 bodies had been retrieved, and last night divers continued to search the muddy waters. Rescuers were joined by scores of volunteers using boats from marinas near by.

Mr Grant said he had been dozing in one of the rear cars when the accident occurred. Just before the derailment "the tracks were wobbling quite viciously", he said, but the coach in which he was travelling remained on the bridge while those ahead ploughed into the 25ft-deep water. "The power was out, and we couldn't get the windows open. It made the people panic more," he said.

Mr Grant said he saw other passengers struggling to the surface from the submerged coaches. "It was very murky and misty, and too dark to see where they were swimming. It was a state of complete confusion."

The accident is the worst in the history of Amtrak, which was established in 1970 to run America's long-distance passenger trains. The 550ft bridge was built in 1909, and a freight train which crossed it immediately before the Sunset Limited reported no problems.

Up to 10 British students were thought to have been on the train, according to a Foreign Office spokesman in London. No reports suggested that any of them had been injured or killed, he said.

Birth control is evil, says Pope in final version of encyclical

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE POPE has forcefully restated his ban on artificial birth control and emphasised his opposition to divorce and abortion in the encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*. A copy of the final version has been leaked to *The Times* three weeks ahead of its official publication.

But the keenly awaited document, the most important response from the Roman Catholic hierarchy to modern liberal thought, has been toned down significantly in some areas, including the question of papal infallibility.

The encyclical, one of the most authoritative forms of Roman Catholic teaching, says that contraception and other sexual sins are "intrinsically evil". Addressed to "all the bishops of the Catholic church", it tackles "fundamental questions of the church's moral teaching".

The Pope omits mention of infallibility, a change which represents a victory for the liberal wing of the Catholic church. But otherwise there are no concessions to modern trends in moral theology. In structure and content it resembles closely a draft leaked to *The Times* last month.

The Pope shows no sign of relaxing his stance against contraception, homosexuality, pre-marital sex and abortion, and indicates that he adheres rigidly to the rule of celibacy for priests. He expresses alarm at the "interpretations of Christian morality" which have developed since the Second Vatican Council (1962-5), a council intended by Pope John XXIII to bring the church up to date with its teaching, discipline and organisation.

By avoiding any mention of infallibility, the encyclical is likely to achieve wider acceptance of its moral precepts. Its uncompromising stance, in particular in the area of sexual morality, will be seen by some as an attempt to turn back the clock to before the Second Vatican Council.

Others, however, will welcome the strength of the statement, the evidence it gives of the church's refusal to bend to modern mores, and the Pope's determination to set a lead as once-Christian communities turn their backs on traditional values.

The condemnation of dissident theologians has been softened in tone but not in substance, and the Pope still makes clear that there is no room for dissent. The changes to the draft are thought to have been made in the past 12 months. The encyclical is signed and dated August 6.

The 179-page text, divided into three chapters, makes clear that the way to salvation is through obedience to the church, meaning the Catholic Magisterium or teaching authority.

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Activists condemn 'gong-crazy' Tories

BY ANDREW PIERCE

TORY grassroot activists have reacted angrily to claims by national and regional party officers that there is widespread party support for John Major's leadership. The officers are dismissed as "gong-crazy" and are said to have been dragooned by the party's high command into supporting the prime minister.

In sharp contrast to the optimistic and supportive tone of a letter published in *The Times* yesterday from Dame Wendy Mitchell, president of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, and 17 party officers, party members talk of demoralisation and decay in the party and describe its organisation as geriatric.

Christina Speight, a lifelong Tory supporter and a founder of the mainstream Bow Group, has taken the unprecedented step of writing to 250 constituency chairmen urging them to "save the party from catastrophe" by confronting their MPs and constituency chairmen with the facts of life.

In a letter to *The Times* today Mrs Speight, a member of Ealing and Acton Conservatives, says: "I have been saddened but not astonished by the bewilderment and sense of betrayal that responses to my approach show."

Ministers and area chairmen, who insisted that economic recovery would bring a revival in the party's electoral fortunes, were wrong, she said: "T outraged core of the party seem to be in revolt at what they see as the betrayal

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Ports chief makes £12m in takeover

PETER Vincent, chief executive of Medway Ports, will receive £12 million, and an unnamed labourer almost £250,000 as a result of an agreed £104 million takeover bid from Mersey Docks and Harbour. Medway Ports is a trust port privatised 18 months ago for £14.9 million in cash.

About 300 employees who backed a buyout in 1992 will benefit. Shares bought then for £1 were yesterday £37.25.

Apart from the taxpayer, the only losers were about 500 dockers who accepted redundancy on the condition that they surrender their shares.

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Booker list ignores favourites

BY ALISON ROBERTS ARTS REPORTER

RODDY Doyle, the Irish novelist, yesterday emerged as odds-on favourite from a shortlist of six to win the Booker Prize this year.

The big surprise was the omission from the list of Vikram Seth, whose mammoth *A Suitable Boy* has been reviewed with lavish praise. A source at the Savile Club, where the judges met, said the novel was thought too long and over promoted.

Other novelists who had been tipped for the shortlist included William Boyd, Iris Murdoch and Pat Barker. Doyle's novel, *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, is on the list with *Under the Frog* by Tibor Fischer, born in England of Hungarian parents; *Scar Tissue*, by Michael Ignatieff, the Canadian author and broadcaster; *Remembering Babylon*, by the Australian David Malouf; *Crossing the River*, by Caryl Phillips, who was born in the West Indies, and *The Stone Diaries*, by Carol Shields, a Canadian.

Seth: his novel was thought too long

Lord Gowrie, a former arts minister and now chairman of Sotheby's Europe who is chairman of the judges, said: "In the end what we all went for was passion. In diverse ways, all these novels share it."

The prize, worth £20,000 in cash, will be judged, in addition to Lord Gowrie, by Gillian Beer, professor of English at Cambridge, journalist and author Anne Chisholm, Nicholas Clee of *The Bookseller*, and Oliver Todd, the French writer and broadcaster. The winner will be announced on October 26.

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Treasury may take slice of tuition fees

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

THE Treasury may take part of any income universities raise from charging students for tuition, John Patten, the education secretary, told vice-chancellors yesterday.

Mr Patten, speaking at the vice-chancellors' annual meeting in Leicester, refused to commit the government to a "pay as you learn" system, but asked university leaders to consider proposals to charge for degree courses.

He stressed that "no options are ruled out" in the Treasury review of education spending, and also warned the vice-chancellors not to breach the government's public-sector pay guidelines.

He said the government was following the vice-chancellors' debate on private funding. They claim that billions of pounds would be needed during the next few years to meet government expansion targets while maintaining standards. They are considering four schemes to raise the money, including a graduate tax, private fees and a new loans scheme.

Successive education secretaries have avoided taking a lead on charges that are likely to be an electoral liability. Labour has also postponed a statement on the subject. Mr Patten was expected to back the principle of charging, but instead left the ball in the vice-chancellors' court.

The vice-chancellors will give an initial response tomorrow, but they left Mr Patten in no doubt about their reaction. There were cries of "no" when he asked: "If you believe that costs should be shared, is it right that this additional source of income should be used, at least in part, to reduce the contribution which the taxpayer would otherwise be called on to make?"

Lorna Fitzsimons, the president of the National Union of Students, said students could not afford to pay fees. "We do not want expansion of higher education on the cheap, but we cannot agree that students should cover the costs."

☐ Preparatory schools must beware of "creeping nationalisation" and avoid mimicking state rivals, a leading headmaster said yesterday.

Michael Beale, chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, said preparatory schools must take advantage of their independence and ensure parents were offered a quality alternative to the state sector.

The call comes as more preparatory schools adopt the national curriculum, which is compulsory only for state schools. Parents are anxious a private education should not preclude pupils from returning to the state system.

Silence is golden in Whitehall's Wonderland

SCOTT ENQUIRY SKETCH

BY JOE JOSEPH

"SILENCE," said William Waldegrave to the Scott arms-for-Iraq enquiry, "is an important event when you're circulating things to other ministers."

As a statement from the minister in charge of opening up the corridors of government to the light of public scrutiny, it seemed an enigmatic answer. As a comment from someone who was a Foreign Office minister at the time of the arms-to-Iraq affair, it sounded slightly defensive.

"The lack of a thunderbolt from on high," Waldegrave went on, introducing us to the shorthand of "on high" for prime minister, "*means* something." Only Lord Justice Scott had the courage to snap: "I don't know what it means."

That was typical of the *Alice-in-Wonderland* exchanges that framed Waldegrave's testimony. Like all well-drafted civil servants' memoranda, the interpretations of the guidelines for what Britain could or could not export to Baghdad were lifted shamelessly from Lewis Carroll: the rules, as Humpty Dumpty put it, meant just what a minister chose them to mean, neither more nor less.

"There is a misunderstanding here," Waldegrave suggested. "An understandable misunderstanding," he added less helpfully. Later he said: "The only point I'm disagreeing with you — and I'm not sure I *am* disagreeing . . ." After another jigsaw of words, Presiley Baxendale, the enquiry's lawyer, said: "I didn't think you meant what you were saying," without urging him to say what he meant, or to mean what he said.

Lord Justice Scott was so confused about whether Britain's policy towards sales to Iraq had changed or not that it had been keeping him awake at night, he said. What baffled the judge was Waldegrave's contention that the 1985 export guidelines couldn't be changed without going to the foreign secretary and the prime minister and without then being announced in Parliament, and since none of those things happened, "ergo the guidelines were never changed". Carroll would have loved that logic.

Lord Justice Scott, still fumbling along those dark Whitehall corridors, asked why, if the formulation of the guidelines had changed by becoming more flexible, what was wrong with announcing them to Parliament? The judge couldn't imagine anyone throwing up their hands in horror, and if they *had* thrown their hands up in horror, then surely that was all the more reason to tell Parliament?

SIAN FRANCES

William Waldegrave under cross-examination by, from left, Lord Justice Scott, Presiley Baxendale QC, and Christopher Muttukumaru

Britain was deceived, Waldegrave tells arms-to-Iraq investigation

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN was deceived by Iraq into exporting equipment capable of manufacturing armaments in breach of the government's arms export guidelines, William Waldegrave, the former Foreign Office minister, told the Scott enquiry yesterday.

But the guidelines were never covertly changed in an attempt to exploit the Iraqi market for military equipment, and Parliament was not deceived about government policy, Mr Waldegrave, now Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said.

The 1984 arms export guidelines, which prohibited the sale of lethal equipment such as aircraft, tanks and guns, and anything which could "significantly enhance" the military ability of either side to "prolong or exacerbate the conflict," including spare parts and machine tools, were relaxed after the 1988 ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, he said.

Only a small amount of additional equipment was exported and as there was no policy change, the government was not obliged to notify Parliament of the relaxed guidelines, said Mr Waldegrave, who is also the minister for open government.

"After the ceasefire, the foreign secretary authorised an approach to the guidelines which allowed a little increased flexibility in the control of industrial equipment, such as machine tools."

Mr Waldegrave said the new flexibility did not extend to lethal equipment. However, "full hindsight shows that the Iraqis deceived us about the end use to which some of these exports were to be put.

"It was not misleading or untruthful to say in answer to Parliament or the public that the Howe guidelines were in place unchanged, and were being strictly interpreted in the light of prevailing circumstances. They were.

"Shifts were made in the way defence-related sales were handled", but the effect of any change was marginal and "well within the room allowed by the guidelines", he said.

Under cross-examination from Lord Justice Scott and Presiley Baxendale QC, it emerged that ministers and officials had proposed redefining the guidelines in December 1988. But Sir Geoffrey Howe, then foreign secretary, decided to postpone the policy change as such action would appear "too cynical" while Iraq was using chemical weapons against the Kurds.

However, the civil servants responsible for vetting export licence applications from British companies appeared to be working on the assumption that there had been a *de facto* change in the arms export guidelines. Mr Waldegrave said there could not be a change in policy until there was an announcement in Parliament.

But Lord Justice Scott, responding to the apparent disparity, said: "There is a problem here which has been keeping me awake at night. The test is what is actually happening, not whether the change has been formally announced."

Mr Waldegrave insisted that the guidelines were never changed. Asked to explain the discrepancy, he said it seemed that officials were "jumping the gun" in anticipation of a formal change in government policy.

The hearings continue today.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rise in privatised rail fares 'only 10%'

Rail fares will not rise by more than 10 per cent after privatisation, Roger Freeman, the transport minister, said on a visit to the Highlands yesterday.

Mr Freeman had been invited to the region by Duncan MacPherson, Regional Council convenor, who wanted assurances about the future of unprofitable services. Mr Freeman said he recognised that there would always be unprofitable services but Scotrail or whoever managed the Scottish rail network would receive a government subsidy and it would not be line specific.

Mr Freeman said: "No minister can guarantee any service in perpetuity. But I am not aware of any BR intention to change the current patterns and the franchise of Scotrail will be based on all the trains it runs at the moment. Contracts will be signed to cover a specific period, so I believe there will be a greater degree of certainty over particular lines."

Bully watchdog works

Most of a group of 24 primary and secondary schools involved in an 18-month anti-bullying project have reduced bullying, the British Psychological Society's annual conference in Oxford was told yesterday. Professor Peter Smith, who tested the anti-bullying methods developed in Norway, will report to education ministers this year. He said that he hoped the education department would circulate advice packs to schools early next year, which might lead to improvements in playgrounds and the enlistment of dinner ladies in the campaign to reduce bullying.

Boat 'not sunk by sub'

The fishing boat *Pescado*, which sank with the loss of six crew 30 months ago, was probably not hit by a submarine, Devon and Cornwall police said yesterday. The boat sank in 250ft of water 13 miles off the Cornish coast and its owner, Alan Ayres, said it must have been hit by a navy submarine. The Ministry of Defence has always denied the allegation, while members of the crewmen's families have raised doubts about the vessel's seaworthiness. The police said at a news conference that there was "no significant structural damage" to the hull of the boat.

Quiz fraud conviction

An accountancy student was yesterday convicted of defrauding BT of nearly £300,000 while playing the *Wheel of Fortune* phone-in competition. Knightsbridge Crown Court in London was told Mayo Lawal, 27, from Gorton, Greater Manchester, won at least £22,000 in prizes in the general knowledge quiz and accumulated phone bills of £268,793 which he failed to pay. Lawal was remanded in custody for eight days for pre-sentencing reports. His accomplice, Nicole Warby, 18, of Notting Hill, west London, will be sentenced today.

Court defeat for doctors

Two doctors made redundant during a hospital reorganisation after the murders committed by the nurse Beverly Allitt failed yesterday in a court attempt to keep their jobs open pending the hearing of an appeal. Charith Nanayakkara, 55, and Frederick Porter, 46, who were consultant paediatricians at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital, Lincolnshire, had asked the Court of Appeal for interim injunctions to prevent two new posts being offered. The trust now in charge of the hospital says they are not qualified for the new specialist posts.

MP's death crash call

Austin Mitchell, the Labour MP for Great Grimsby, yesterday called for an enquiry into how two teenage boys in the care of Humberside social services were able to steal a car which crashed into a van, killing a fellow joyrider and seriously injuring four people. The accident happened near Hull on Tuesday while the car was being pursued by police.

Croats free Briton

Graham Noble, left, a former British soldier, was yesterday released from a Croatian jail after being held for more than three months on spying charges. British embassy officials in Zagreb received a telephone call from Mr Noble, 27, of Brighton, Sussex, to say he had been acquitted after a day-long trial. Angie Anderson, Mr Noble's sister-in-law, said: "He could be home by the weekend."

Three held over knifing

Three men were arrested yesterday in connection with Tuesday's knife attack on a 23-year-old man in Wimbledon Park, southwest London. Ian Mangan, 23, of Wimbledon, who was stabbed 12 times, is still unconscious in intensive care at St George's Hospital, Tooting. The men, in their early 20s, were arrested at an address near the park.

Porn seized at schools

Police investigating a playground trade in computer pornography have seized more than 750 disks from children at high schools in Bedfordshire. The disks feature explicit sex acts, sometimes involving children or animals, and were changing hands for £10. It came to light when one teenager was caught playing the disks on a computer in his bedroom.

Prices an ocean apart

Dinosaur toys cost up to 80 per cent more in Britain than in the United States, Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, said yesterday. He has sent the Director-General of Fair Trading price comparisons gathered by his researchers from Toys 'R' Us branches in both countries. Toys 'R' Us did *not dispute the price differences.*

Grassroots Tories reject leadership

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of everything they believed the party stood for."

In her letter to constituency chairmen Mrs Speight said that the "betrayal" had produced a dreadful harvest: the British National Party's success in Millwall. "There is now no patriotic party for the electorate to turn to. Please join me in trying to save the party from catastrophe before we are massacred at the local and European elections."

The letter from Dame Wendy, which was also signed by Sir Basil Feldman, chairman of the National Union, said that they were fed up with seeing a tiny minority of *malcontent Tory MPs claiming* to speak for the party. Having been present at the recent meetings the prime minister had held with Tory association leaders, they knew the mood of the party in the country. Most thought the recession was coming to an end, which was why John Major needed their support more than ever. "We can assure you that he has it," they wrote.

He does not, however, have the support of everyone. Andrew Smith, another lifelong supporter and a member of Kensington and Chelsea association, adds his weight to the outcry in another letter in today's *Times*: "In the course of 23 solid years' solid work for the party, during which I held senior office at both constituency and area level, I cannot recall any period of total demoralisation comparable to the situation we now face."

☐ The growing financial problems of the Tory party last night caught up with *David Hunt, the employment* secretary, when his local association dismissed its agent to try to save money. Andrew Gribble, 49, a former bank manager, was laid off by Wirral West Conservatives. More than 50 agents have gone since the April election.

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Ford cuts Escort production

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD is to cut production of Escorts at its Merseyside plant by a third, costing the company nearly £80 million, because of the slump in orders from the Continent.

Britain's biggest motor manufacturer is the latest to bow to the continental recession. It cut 18 shifts from its Halewood plant.

Ford is also cutting production at its Fiesta plant in Dagenham, Essex, and the Transit van factory in Southampton will be on a four-day week until the end of October.

At Halewood, which produces 800 cars and vans a day, 4,500 workers will lose bonus and shift payments.

Jimmy Airlie, chief Ford negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said the news was another bitter blow on top of Nissan's decision to cut output by 9 per cent at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Theatres saved by funding U-turn

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THEATRES in the regions, including Bristol Old Vic, Plymouth Theatre Royal and Greenwich Theatre, have been saved from closure by an Arts Council about-turn described by arts campaigners as breathtaking.

Proposals to withdraw grants from many regional theatres, which were announced in July, were abandoned yesterday at a meeting of the full council.

The council said its drama budget would still be cut by £1.4 million according to new priorities that divert money from theatre to contemporary dance and visual arts. Rather than withdraw support from individual theatres, however, each drama organisation that receives funding from the council — including the Royal National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company — will have its grant reduced in a move dubbed "equal misery for all". Arts campaigners welcomed the decision, but accused the council of causing regional theatres unnecessary anxiety. Theatres had been confused by the series of denials and counterclaims issued by the Arts Council since the plans were announced in July, according to the National Campaign for the Arts.

Chris Butcher, of the campaign, said: "We can only raise half a cheer for this decision. There have been a lot of very worried theatres with nervous bank managers throughout the summer."

Philip Hedley, artistic director of the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, said the council had misjudged the "massive sentiment for regional theatres both within the profession and among the public. It is breathtaking."

Lord Palumbo, chairman of the council, called for intensified protests against the government's proposed 2 per cent cut in its budget.

Increase in house sales defies lull

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE sales rose in August, defying the traditional summer lull, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said yesterday. But prices showed little change.

In the South East, surveyors reported improving confidence and increased sales. London had a busy month in spite of a lack of new properties coming onto the market.

Figures released yesterday by the Corporate Estate Agents Property Index, a survey of 4,300 estate agency offices, showed that sales fell slightly in August compared to July, but were up dramatically on August last year.

Peter Constable, chairman of the ombudsman for corporate estate agents, said: "Last August, the stamp duty holiday ended and the market became even more severely depressed. The figures point towards a continued recovery of the market in the autumn."

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Secret 'Star Wars' papers found in spy suspect's car

BY RICHARD DUCE

SECRET papers related to the "Star Wars" space defence project and the Rapier missile system were found in the car of an engineer accused of spying for the Russians, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

The documents were among more than 160 papers discovered during the search of Michael Smith's Datsun car after his arrest last August for selling secrets from the GEC Research Centre in north London, where he worked.

Special Branch officers spent almost three days searching Mr Smith's flat in Kingston-upon-Thames and also his car, where they found the documents and electrical components wrapped inside a Sainsbury carrier bag and then placed in a blue sports bag, said John Nutting, for the prosecution.

Five of the documents were in Mr Smith's handwriting and related to defence research projects at GEC. They were headed "Rugate Filters for SDI" (the "Star Wars" Strategic Defence Initiative), "Micro machining project", "Quasi optical car radar", "Micron valve project" and "Olfactory research project". There were also blueprints relating to Rapier and papers on thermal imaging. The military significance of the projects will be explained to the jury. Much of the trial, before Mr Justice Blofeld, will be held in camera.

Mr Smith, 45, denies four charges under the Official Secrets Act. Two allege that between January 1990 and July last year he communicated sketches, plans, notes or other documents for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state.

He is also alleged to have made a sketch or note and obtained or collected material for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state.

The prosecution alleges that Mr Smith was recruited by the former KGB colonel Viktor Oschenko in the early 1970s. Mr Smith was arrested several days after Oschenko defected to the West in July last year. He will not be called to give evidence against his alleged recruit.

Mr Smith told police after his arrest that he had emptied his desk on the last day of work at GEC on July 31, when he became redundant. He did not realise some of the material was secret information and when he discovered its sensitivity he planned to dump it.

He said that unexplained bank deposits came from a man he knew only as Harry, working for a commercial rival of GEC and to whom he had sold only low-grade information. The court heard that two envelopes each containing £1,000 in £50 notes were found at Mr Smith's flat.

Mr Smith lost his security clearance at his former employer EMI-Thorn in 1978 after it was discovered he had failed to disclose his previous membership of the Communist party.

A sequence of letters written by Mr Smith to the defence ministry, in which he sought to have his security standing returned, were read to the court yesterday. In one of them he claimed: "I am quite happy with the democratic system, I am not very interested in politics and prefer to concentrate on more worthwhile pursuits."

The trial continues today.

Prostitute blackmailed rich client over bondage session

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PROSTITUTE blackmailed a wealthy client and threatened to give details of their bondage session to a newspaper, claiming he had a cocaine habit, the Old Bailey was told.

Jean Douglas, 40, was at first successful in extorting £2,000 from the man for her silence, but when she insisted on more money he went to the police.

Stephen Waller, for the prosecution, said Douglas, who also used the name Pippa Marshall, was picked up by the man outside the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, Mayfair.

The man, referred to as Mr X throughout the hearing on Tuesday, had been drinking heavily at a business meeting and took Douglas in a taxi to his home in west London.

Mr Waller said Mr X's wife was away and sexual activity took place in the bedroom, including Mr X being bound with silk ties and belts. When he awoke Douglas had gone and so had £500 cash and his watch. "He decided not to report the matter to police and put it down to experience," he said. Last September, three months later, Douglas, telephoned him and demanded £2,000. Mr X discussed the matter with his wife and made a payment through his solicitor in exchange for a signed agreement that the money was in final settlement for the services provided.

In January, Douglas repeated her demand for money saying Mr X had initially promised to pay £3,000, the court was told. Mr Waller said she told his wife: "I'll take the story to the papers," and, in another conversation with Mr X, said: "Pay me £3,000 or I'll go to the press and expose you for having a cocaine habit."

Douglas also turned up at his office with a photographer she said worked for a Sunday newspaper. She was arrested after Mr X went to the police and kept an appointment with her to record her demands with a hidden tape recorder.

Douglas, of Brixton, south London, pleaded guilty to making an unwarranted demand with menaces for money. She was remanded for a month for pre-sentence reports. Gillian Hammerton, for the defence, said Douglas, a mother of three, left home at a young age and had no choice but to earn money through prostitution. However, she had been shocked by the demands made by Mr X. "It was quite exceptional, out of the ordinary and far beyond the activities she was normally engaged in. Even for a prostitute it was way over the top. But she agreed because she was desperate and he promised her £3,000."

Miss Hammerton said Douglas had poured a glass containing tranquillisers down the toilet when Mr X was not looking. "She was afraid that if he took any more tablets he would overdose and she would be left with a body."

Douglas said she left at 6am and took nothing from the house. She later consulted a solicitor to see if she had any "rights" as a prostitute. "She reflected on the things she had done for Mr X and felt full of hatred, abused and used," Miss Hammerton said. "She began to feel outrage and decided that a further £3,000 would be compensation for what she went through."

Friend cleared in suicide case

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A TEENAGER who gave paracetamol tablets to a friend who was terminally ill with multiple sclerosis was acquitted yesterday of aiding and abetting her suicide.

Andrew Chard, 19, was freed after Judge Pownall QC told an Old Bailey jury there was no evidence to support the prosecution case that he had helped Martina Reeve, 37, to kill herself. "He only provided her with an option of taking her own life by buying for her the paracetamol tablets and that is not enough," Judge Pownall said.

Judge Pownall told the jury: "As a matter of law there is insufficient evidence for you to find this defendant guilty." He added that the prosecution had failed to present any evidence to show that Mr Chard had "set out to see" that Mrs Reeve would take her own life.

The outcome of the case was welcomed by campaigners to legalise voluntary euthanasia. Ludovic Kennedy, the author and broadcaster who is vice-president of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, said: "It could open the door a little bit to people doing the same sort of thing. Indeed, I hope it would." Mr Kennedy said it was significant that Mr Chard had been acquitted despite having made no attempt to conceal his intention in buying the tablets.

Chard: "I was the only one she could trust"

The court had been told how Mr Chard, an unemployed computer operator from Reigate, Surrey, had sought to comfort Mrs Reeve, who lay terminally ill in the East Surrey hospital in January this year after having multiple sclerosis for 13 years.

Mr Chard, who was a close family friend of Mrs Reeve, of Horley, West Sussex, told detectives: "She wanted me to buy her the paracetamol. It was her wish to have the option to take her own life. She told me I was the only one she could trust."

Mr Chard gave the tablets to his friend on January 21. She died five days later. "The thing that came across most strongly was that she wanted to be in control," Mr Chard told police.

Mrs Reeve had told him: "I am suffering so much. God will understand."

Shirley Bassey and Ringo Starr bang the drum for Britain in Monte Carlo

Major lifts Olympic spirits

JOHN Major flew to Monte Carlo this morning after declaring that on merit Manchester would be hard to beat in the race for the 2000 Olympic Games.

The prime minister, who will speak in favour of Manchester's bid before the International Olympic Committee today, said he was confident that the city could stage a sporting festival as good as any in history. But he was making no predictions about the outcome.

Win or lose, Manchester will party tonight. Up to 15,000 revellers are expected to attend an open-air jamboree at the Roman Arena in Castlefield. The decision of the IOC will be beamed live from Monte Carlo on to a 30ft screen and the skies will light up with a spectacular fireworks display. City centre pubs will stay open until the early hours, and buses, trains and trams will lay on extra services.

Latest odds from Ladbroke make Peking favourite at evens, with Sydney at 5-4, Manchester 3-1, Berlin 16-1 and Istanbul 200-1.

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School pupils hurt as buses collide

THIRTY children needed hospital treatment yesterday after two school buses collided.

The double-deckers were picking up secondary school pupils from a housing estate in Skerne Park, Darlington, co. Durham, when one bus went the wrong way down a one-way road and was trying to reverse when it collided with the other vehicle.

Many of the injured children ran back to their homes and were taken by their parents to Darlington Memorial Hospital, where they were treated for cuts and bruises. One boy broke his wrist.

Staff at Hummersknott Comprehensive School treated more pupils, who had made their way into class, for minor injuries and shock. David Henderson, the headmaster, said: "The worst injury was the broken wrist. All the children taken to hospital were released after treatment. It has been a lucky escape."

A spokesman for Durham County Council said an investigation into the cause of the accident had been launched. "It would appear one of the drivers went through signs saying road closed and access only. He suddenly realised why the signs were there and had to reverse to get back out."

Durham police said the drivers were uninjured and had been interviewed.

Divorce fear puts couples off marriage

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MORE couples are choosing to remain unmarried after having children because they see marriage as a meaningless, expensive ritual that brings few benefits and often ends with a traumatic divorce. Fear of divorce is a key reason for the rise in long-term cohabitation, suggests a study by the Policy Studies Institute.

It found that the number of people marrying or remarrying had fallen almost 6 per cent in the past ten years and by more than 18 per cent since 1971. The majority of couples cohabited at some stage in their relationship but most got married before, or shortly after, they had children.

However, a growing number of women no longer regarded motherhood and marriage as inextricably linked. The survey of more than 300 mothers who had children at least four years old found that most long-term cohabitees had been living with the father of their children for an average of eight years.

One woman said: "Everyone in my family who has been married is divorced. I don't think it is worth it. To me it is a lot of pain, getting married and breaking up." Others worried about the expense. "You couldn't get married for under £4,000 and it's so much wasted money," said one.

Some women rejected marriage in the belief that cohabitation would mean a more equal partnership. However, the study found no difference between cohabiting and married couples in how decisions were taken or domestic chores shared. "The notion that people try harder or don't take each other for granted when they cohabit is not borne out by these findings," Bill Daniels, the institute's director, said.

Most of the long-term cohabitees were poor or unemployed, with half saying they had joint incomes of £12,000 a year or less. One in ten was highly educated and affluent.

The study, conducted by Susan McRae, described the growth of cohabiting mothers as "one of the major social changes of the 20th century", but said most had no understanding of their legal position. None had established the father's parental rights and responsibilities, believing that registering the child in the father's name was all that was necessary.

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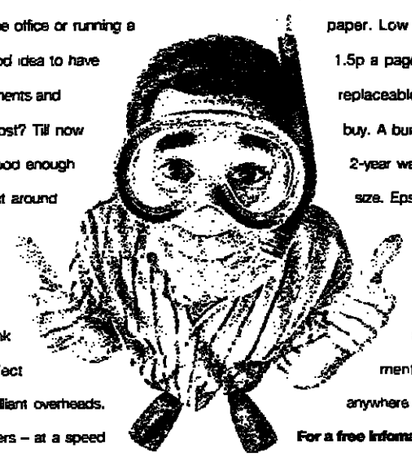

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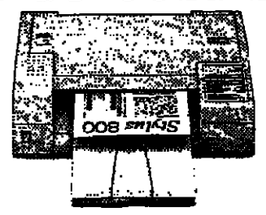

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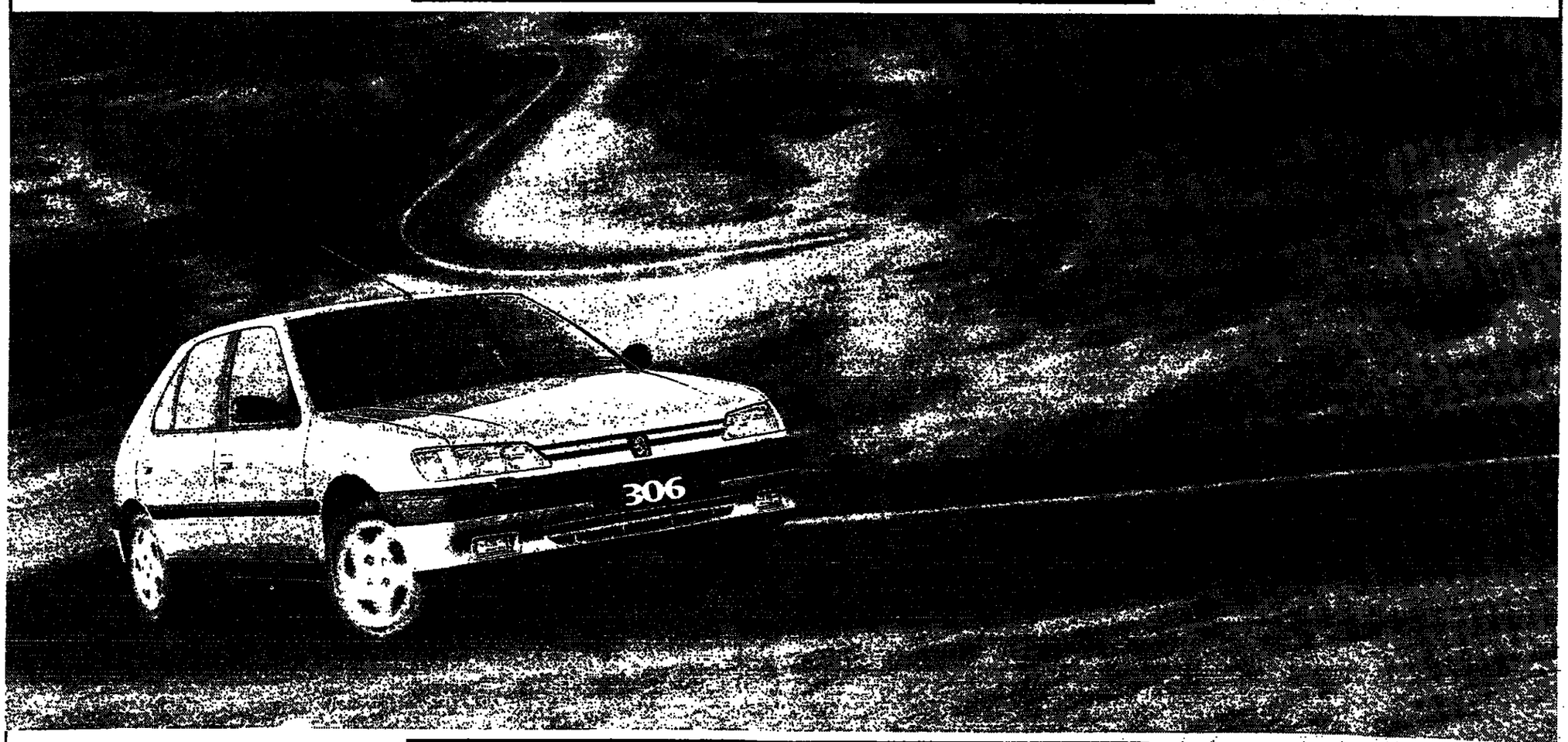

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Discipline reforms stoke fires of police discontent

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

■ The home secretary has surprised senior police with his intention to remove officers' right to silence and legal representation

POLICE and government were put on course for new confrontation yesterday as Michael Howard, the home secretary, announced a streamlined police disciplinary system, including abolition of some legal safeguards.

Mr Howard, already facing rebellion over the Sheehy report on pay and conditions and white paper proposals for reorganisation, took officers by surprise with his announcement at the conference of the superintendents' association in Torquay, Devon. Earlier this week, the conference criticised the government's efforts to cut crime.

Mr Howard's speech received a polite reception but his announcement led to an immediate threat from the Police Federation, the largest police organisation, to test the disciplinary proposals in court if they reach the statute book. Officers of all ranks complained that the minister had circumvented talks about the system.

Mr Howard told the conference he would end an officer's right to silence under questioning and to legal representation at disciplinary hearings. Officers caught "red-handed" committing serious misconduct would be instantly dismissed.

Allegations from poor performance to minor complaints by the public would be handled by a system of warnings, formal hearings and eventual dismissal.

Challenges to dismissal could go to special tribunals. If an officer were acquitted by a court, he would still face a misconduct hearing.

The Home Office believes the proposals bring the police closer to general employment practice. Mr Howard said he wanted to make sure the force operated with the best management practices, which also took account of the special position of police officers.

But Sgt Dick Coyles, chairman of the Police Federation, accused the home secretary of removing from police the rights afforded to criminal suspects. Mr Coyles, who represents 120,000 officers in junior ranks, said they were already demoralised by the Sheehy proposals and Mr Howard was "kicking us while we are down".

He said police were entitled to legal representation when decisions were being taken that might cost them thousands of pounds.

John Burrow, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said senior ranks welcomed many of the proposals because the present disciplinary system was too legalistic. But he was concerned about the way Mr Howard had acted. "The home secretary keeps talking about consultation but I am not sure he is consulting. He is listening but there is no dialogue."

Later, Mr Howard indicated that he may drop some of the more contentious proposals of the Sheehy report. He said: "The question is, do we get [improvements] through the Sheehy route, or are there other ways?"

Howard insists on Home Office role

BY OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT plans to reform police authorities, reduce local representation and introduce Home Office appointees will go ahead despite criticism, Michael Howard told the conference of police superintendents.

The plans, announced in a white paper earlier this year, have drawn attacks from police and local authorities, who have said they would centralise police control. Yesterday, the home secretary said the plans were not open to the same consultation as other police reforms.

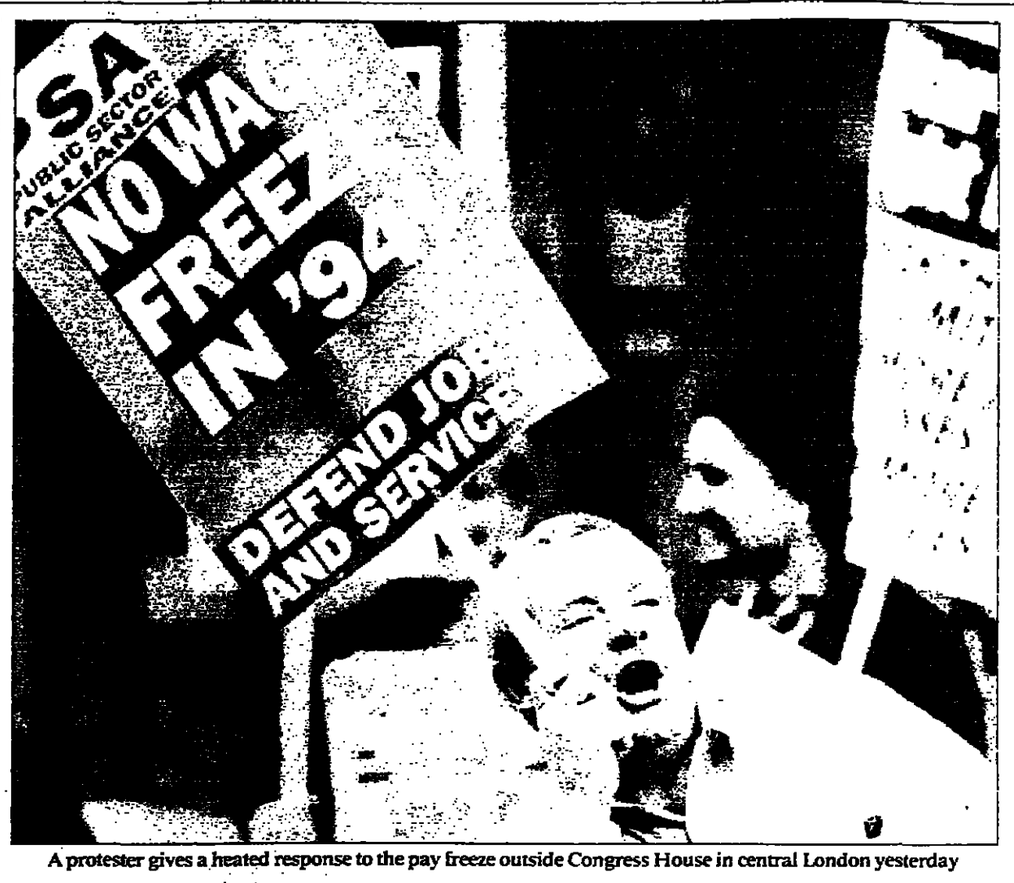
The white paper on police organisation setting out the change was government policy and would remain government policy, Mr Howard said.

The paper's proposals would mean the end of large police authorities made up of local councillors and magistrates. The new authorities would be reduced to a membership of 16, consisting of eight councillors, three magistrates, and five Home Office nominees who would come from the local community.

Mr Howard told the conference in Torquay that he had already received many offers from people willing to serve on the authorities. Legislation for the authorities will be introduced in a police bill in the autumn. He added that he expected to give his decision late next month on the Sheehy report on police pay and conditions. The announcement could be made in the form of a ministerial statement in the House of Commons.

Chief Supt David Goulding, president of the superintendents' association, told the home secretary that his members were prepared to talk abut the Sheehy report but not its full implementation. The report was at odds with the proposals put forward by the Royal Commission on the Criminal Justice System, he said.

"The Sheehy report is fatally flawed. Implementing the proposals as written would be nothing short of a national disgrace. You will demotivate and destroy the finest police service in the world," Mr Goulding said.



A protester gives a heated response to the pay freeze outside Congress House in central London yesterday

TUC backs away from pay action

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government won the first victory in its new round of public-sector pay restraint yesterday when trade union leaders pulled back from industrial action.

After dire warnings of an "uprising" in the wake of Kenneth Clarke's announcement last week of another pay squeeze, leaders of 36 unions settled for a co-ordinated campaign to win public support and to "hound" Conservative MPs into persuading the government to abandon its policy.

During a two-hour meeting at TUC headquarters in London, only Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, called for widespread industrial action, and his call was brushed aside by all the other union leaders present.

Britain's 48,000 firefighters seem to be the only pay bargaining group that could resort to industrial action, but even the Fire Brigades Union did not ask the TUC yesterday to extend any protest action it might mount.

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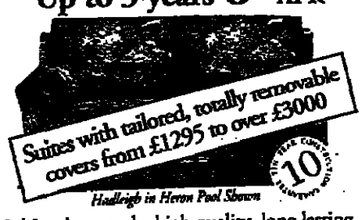

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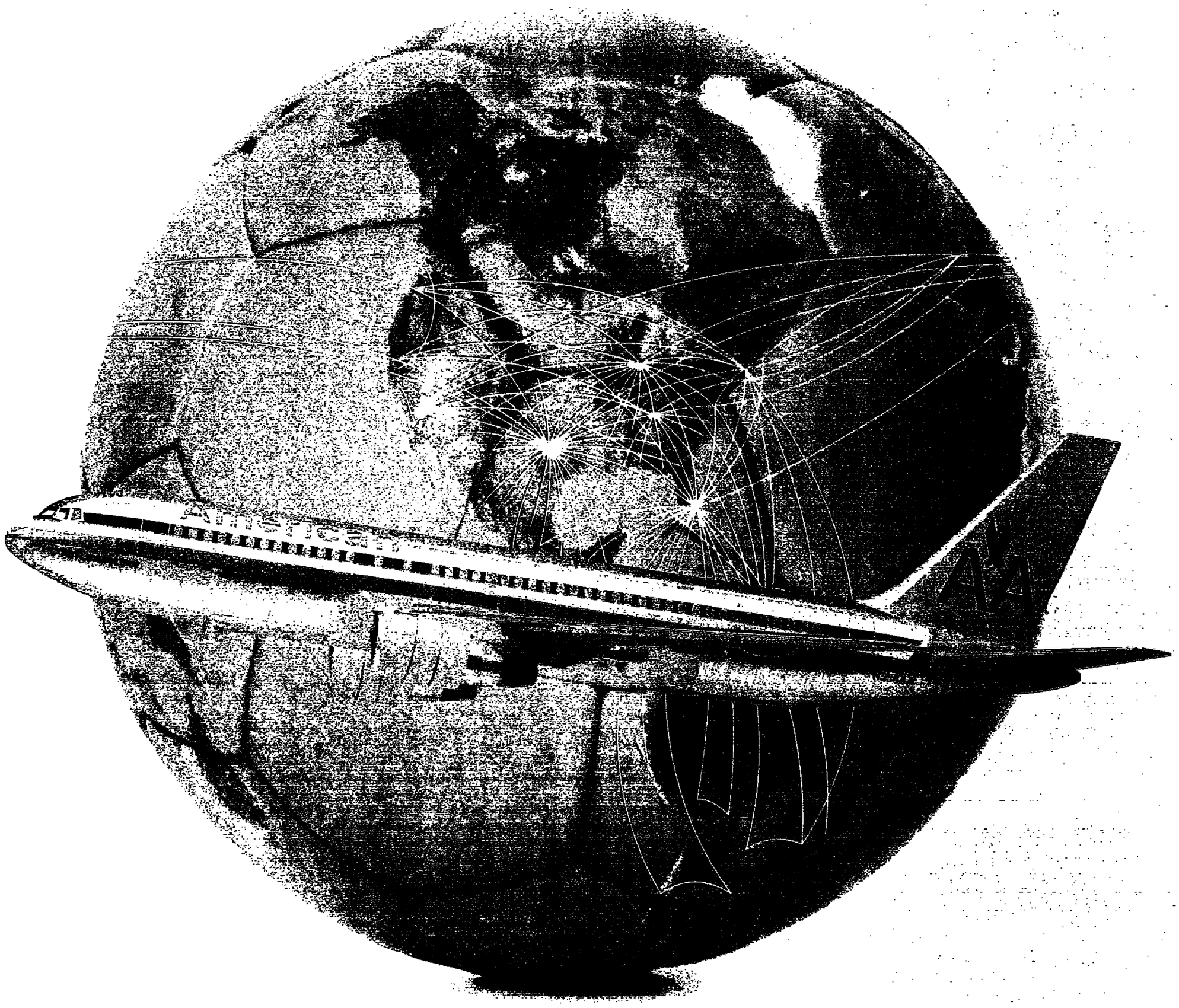

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Short camp left in disarray by surprise departure of Czech grandmaster

Challenger's chief adviser goes home

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short's chief aide in *The Times* World Chess Championship, Lubosh Kavalek, has returned home to Washington, leaving the British champion dangerously short of technical expertise.

Michael Steen, Short's manager, would only say that Kavalek's departure was due to "family reasons". No date has been set for the return of the former Czech grandmaster, the man who has been described as Short's Svengali, mentor and father figure. Kavalek departed immediately before the disastrous fourth game, during which Short appeared tense and upset.

While Garry Kasparov is supported by a formidable battery of former Soviet grandmasters of the calibre of Alexander Beliavsky and Zurab Azmaiparashvili, the Short camp is disorganised and depleted. Not only has Kavalek gone, but Robert Hubner, the powerful German and another key analyst in Short's team, has only been present intermittently. Jon Speelman, the third of Short's aides, is dividing his time between advising the challenger and media duties.

Short now trails by 5½ points to 1½ in the match. Yesterday the two players shared their notes from game seven with *The Times*.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5

If Short is to survive against Kasparov's choice of 1 e4 it is high time to switch to the French Defence, 1 e4 e6, which is considered extremely solid.

2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	0-0

Once again, Short invites the sharp Marshall Gambit.

8	a4	

Sidestepping the Marshall (which would occur after 8 c3 d5) Kasparov's choice of opening is most intelligent. Kasparov: "I am staying faithful to a strategy that is very successful."

8	..	Bb7
9	d3	d6
10	Nbd2	Nd7
11	c3	Nc5
12	axb5	axb5
13	Rxa8	Bxa8
14	Bc2	Bf6
15	b4	Ne6
16	Nf1	Bb7
17	Ne3	g6
18	Bb3	Bg7
19	h4	Bc8
20	h5	Kh8
21	Nd5	g5

Short: "This was a difficult decision for me. Probably, with hindsight, 21 ... gxh5 would have been more natural. In both cases my f5-square is weakened for future occupation by a White knight."

22	Ne3	Nf4
23	g3	Nxh5
24	Nf5	Bxf5
25	exf5	Qd7
26	Bxg5	

Kasparov: "If Short snaps at the pawn with 26 ... Qxf5 then 27 Bd5 wins for White."

26	..	h6

Nigel Short, left, with his mentor, Lubosh Kavalek, before the championship

Key moment: Kasparov misses a win.

Kasparov: "Short should have played 26 ... Nf6. I now return the compliment by making an error. I should have played 27 Kg2 Qxf5 (if 27 ... hxg5 28 Rh1 wins) 28 Rh1 and there are two possibilities: a) 28 ... Nf6 29 Qc1 Ng8 30 Bd5 Nce7 31 Bxe7 Nxe7 32 Rxh6+ Bxh6 33 Qxh6+ Kg8 34 Be4 with a winning attack or b) 28 ... Qg6 29 Bd5 hxg5 30 Nxg5 Ne7 31 Rxh5+ Kg8 32 Be4 f5 33 Qb3+ winning.

"Finally, 28 ... Qg6 29 Bd5 Nd8 30 Nxe5 dxe5 31 Qxh5 Qxh5 (if 31 ... Qxd3 32 Bxh6 Qxd5+ 33 Kg1 wins) 32 Rxh5 Kh7 33 Be5 with an overwhelming endgame for me."

27	Nh4	Nf6
28	Bxf6	Bxf6
29	Qh5	Kh7
30	Ng2	

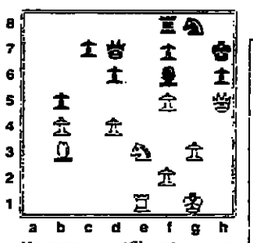
Kasparov: "I should have played 30 Nf3 Ne7 31 d4 exd4 32 cxd4 when Black has to play 32 ... Ng8, but White still has a big advantage."

30		Ne7
31	Ne2	Ng5

Kasparov: "This is a brilliant defensive resource. Short avoids the trap 31 ... Bg5 32 f4 exf4 33 gxf4 Bxf4 34 Bxf7 Bg5 35 f6 Bxf6 36 Ng4 Bg7 37 Nxh6 Bxh6 38 Rxe7 Qxe7 39 Qg6+ Kh8 40 Qxh6 checkmate. Alternatively 31 ... Bg5 32 f4 exf4 33 gxf4 Rg8 34 Bxf7 Rg7 35 Bg6+ Nxg6 36 fxg5 and wins."

32	d4	exd4
33	cxd4	

Key moment: Short's defence falters



33		Bxd4
34	Ng4	

Kasparov "The end of the game. If Short tries to defend with 34 ... Bf6 then I can finish with a superb queen sacrifice 35 Qxh6+ Nxh6 36 Nxf6+ followed by knight taking the Black queen on d7."

34		Kg7
35	Nxh6	

If Black responds 35 ... Nxh6 then 36 Qg5+ Kh7 37 Bc2 Bf6 38 Qxf6 Re8 39 Re6 fxe6 40 fxe6 discovered check with a simple win.

35		Bf6
36	Bxf7	resigns

Short: "Kasparov played well. It was the first time in this championship that he has genuinely won by playing a good game against me rather than by my mistakes."

Kasparov: "Short's next move is greedy and is, in fact, the losing move. He should have played 33 ... Bg5!, when the position is still roughly equal.

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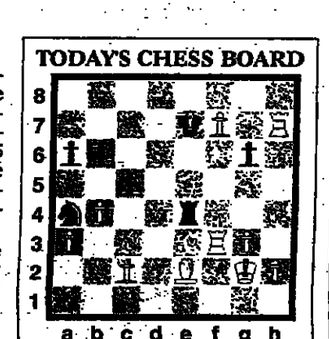

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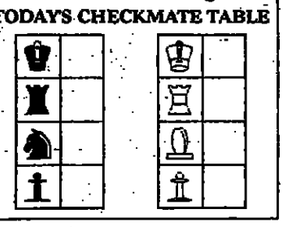

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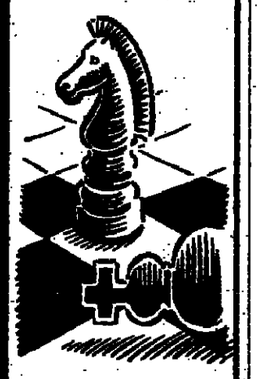

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Extracts from unpublished encyclical reveal Vatican's anxiety over teachings of liberal Catholics

Pope condemns catalogue of intrinsic sexual evils

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE Pope, in addition to unambiguously confirming his condemnation of contraception, uses his new encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* to justify his stand against homosexuality, premarital sex and other sexual "evils".

The encyclical, to be published early next month, asserts: "If acts are intrinsically evil, a good intention or particular circumstance can diminish their evil, but they cannot remove it. They remain 'irremediably' evil acts, *per se* and in themselves they are not capable of being ordered to God and to the good of the person. Consequently, circumstances or intentions can never transform an act intrinsically evil by virtue of its object into an act 'subjectively' good or defensible as a choice."

These passages show the extent of papal alarm at the spread of liberal morals and theology. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Pope says, "there have developed *certain interpretations of Christian morality which are not consistent with 'sound teaching'*. The magisterium [teaching authority of the Roman Catholic Church] has the duty to state that some trends of theological thinking and certain philosophical affirmations are incompatible with revealed truth."

His intention is "to state *the principles necessary for discerning what is contrary to 'sound doctrine'*, drawing attention to those elements of the church's moral teaching which today appear particularly exposed to error, ambiguity or neglect.

"Certain currents of modern thought have gone so far as to *exalt freedom to such an extent that it becomes an absolute, which would then be the source of values*. This is the direction taken by doctrines which have lost the sense of the transcendent or which are explicitly atheist.

"Some people ... have actually posited a *complete sovereignty of reason* in the domain of moral norms regarding the right ordering of life in this world. These trends of thought have led to a denial, in opposition to sacred scripture and the church's constant teaching, of the fact that the natural moral law has God as its author, and that man, by the use of reason, participates in the eternal law.

"In this context, *objections of physicalism and naturalism* have been levelled against the traditional conception of *the natural law*, which is accused of presenting as moral laws what are in themselves mere biological laws ... According to certain theologians, this kind of 'biologistic or naturalistic argumentation' would even be present in certain documents of the church's magisterium, particularly those dealing with the area of sexual and conjugal ethics.

"It was, they maintain, on the basis of a naturalistic understanding of the sexual act that contraception, direct sterilisation, autoeroticism, premarital sexual relations, homosexual relations and artificial insemination were condemned as morally unacceptable. In the opinion of some theologians, a morally negative evaluation of such acts fails to take into adequate consideration both man's character as a rational and free being and the cultural conditioning of all moral norms."

The Pope continues: "A doctrine which dissociates the moral act from the bodily dimensions of its exercise is contrary to the teachings of scripture and tradition. Such a doctrine revives, in new forms, certain ancient errors which have always been opposed by the church."

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John Paul II attacks "currents of modern thought"

Message attacks the quest for illusory freedom

By Our Religion Correspondent

THE Pope begins his encyclical by condemning those who "live by the flesh".

Obedience to the truth is not always easy, he says. "As a result of that mysterious original sin, man is constantly tempted to turn his gaze away from the living and true God to direct it towards idols.

"Thus, giving himself over to relativism and scepticism, he goes off in search of an illusory freedom apart from truth itself. But no darkness of error or of sin can totally take away from man the light of God the Creator.

"The development of science and technology ... does not free humanity from the obligation to ask the ultimate religious questions. Rather, it spurs us on to face the most painful and decisive of struggles, those of the heart and of the moral conscience.

"A new situation has come about *within the Christian community itself*, which has experienced the spread of numerous doubts and objections ... It is no longer a matter of limited and occasional dissent, but of an overall and systematic calling into question of traditional moral doctrine, on the basis of anthropological and ethical presuppositions.

"Thus, the traditional doctrine regarding the natural law, and the universality and the permanent validity of its precepts, is rejected; certain of the church's moral teachings are found simply unacceptable; and the magisterium itself is considered capable of intervening in matters of morality only to 'exhort consciences' and to 'propose values', in the light of which each individual will independently make his or her decisions and life choices.

"In particular, note should be taken of the *lack of harmony between the traditional response of the Church and certain theological positions*, encountered even in Seminaries and in Faculties of Theology, *with regard to questions of the greatest importance* for the church."

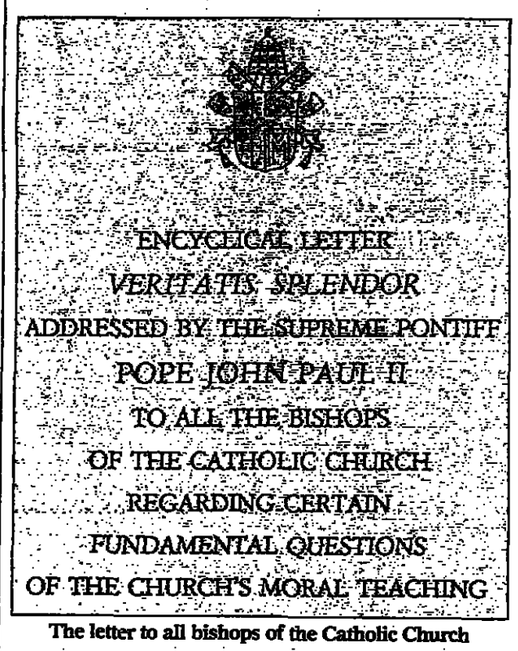
Chapter One opens with a reference to Christ's dialogue with the rich young man, who is told to sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor. The Pope quotes St Augustine: "The beginning of freedom is to be free from crimes ... such as murder, adultery, fornication, theft, fraud, sacrilege and so forth."

Those who live "by the flesh" experience God's law as a burden, and indeed as a denial or at least a restriction of their own freedom. On the other hand, those who are impelled by love and "walk by the spirit", and who desire to serve others, find in God's law the fundamental and necessary way *in which to practise* love as something freely chosen and freely lived out.

He repeats Christ's rejection of the right to divorce and his reference to the charism of celibacy "for the Kingdom of Heaven", which will be seen as a sign that there is no softening on priestly celibacy.

"The moral prescriptions which God imparted in the old covenant, and which attained their perfection in the new and eternal covenant in the very person of the Son of God made man, must be *faithfully kept and continually put into practice* in the various different cultures throughout the course of history.

"No damage must be done to the *harmony between faith and life: the unity of the church* is damaged not only by Christians who reject or distort the truths of faith but also by those who disregard the moral obligations to which they are called by the gospel ... And ever since apostolic times, the church's pastors have unambiguously condemned the behaviour of those who fostered division by their teaching or by their actions."



The letter to all bishops of the Catholic Church

Rules on morality offer no exception

By Ruth Gledhill

THERE must be no exceptions to rules of behaviour on universal morals which protect *against* evil, the Pope argues in the third chapter. He also criticises dissident theologians.

"The church's teaching, and in particular her firmness in defending the universal and permanent validity of the precepts prohibiting intrinsically evil acts, is not infrequently seen as the sign of an intolerable intransigence. The church, one hears, is lacking in understanding and compassion.

"The church's firmness in defending the universal and unchanging moral norms is not demeaning at all." These norms are a guarantee "of genuine democracy, which can come into being and develop only on the basis of the equality of all its members ... *When it is a matter of the moral norms prohibiting intrinsic evil, there are no privileges or exceptions for* criterion of the truth about the good, so that he can feel self-justified, without even the need to have recourse to God and his mercy.

"An attitude of this sort corrupts the morality of society as a whole, since it encourages doubt about the objectivity of the moral law in general and a rejection of the absoluteness of moral prohibitions regarding specific human acts."

Dechristianisation, which is affecting communities once rich in faith and Christian life, involves "*a decline or obscuring of the moral sense*".

The church's magisterium "carries out an important work of vigilance, warning the faithful of the presence of possible errors, even merely implicit ones, when their consciences fail to acknowledge the correctness and the truth of the moral norms.

"Certainly, moral theology and its teaching are meeting with particular difficulty in-

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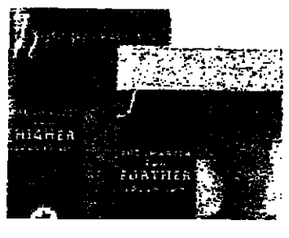

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Arson attacks force charity to scrap sex offender unit

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A SERIES of arson attacks has forced a charity to abandon plans to open a centre treating child sex offenders.

Trustees of the Faithfull Foundation, which wanted to convert The Boynes, a nursing home near Upton upon Severn in Hereford and Worcester, to treat long-term seducers of children, had to drop their plan because of the costs involved in protecting the premises from arson and other threats used by opponents.

The trustees were also worried by anonymous telephone calls made to people hired to run the centre, and believed their work would suffer in an atmosphere where the gates were picketed.

Alan Gilmour, one of the trustees, said: "Some of our opponents were crazy, some were malicious and I think some of them were thoroughly nice, responsible people who were scared stiff about the wellbeing of their children."

It is the second time in a few months that the charity, headed by Baroness Faithfull, has had to abandon proposals to open a centre to give therapy for up to 26 men. Previous plans to open in Coventry were abandoned after two firebomb attacks.

Trustees are alarmed that protesters are using such tactics to force charities to abandon plans for centres treating sex offenders or people with drug problems. Once a building has been firebombed, insurance cover is difficult to obtain and costs are pushed up by the need for stringent security.

The foundation was unable to find insurance cover for the Coventry building and it was only after special pleading by the trustees that a firm was persuaded to provide cover for The Boynes. One person associated with the project said yesterday: "What happened here is just urban terrorism. If people cannot stop things democratically, they resort to direct action."

The first attack was on the hedge, followed by others on the electricity supply pole, in the courtyard and in a garage which caused £14,000 of damage. A man in his forties has been charged in connection with one of the attacks.

The foundation had to surround the premises with stringent security including a 6ft high perimeter fence, a second internal fence, security lighting, closed-circuit television plus two security guards and a dog. The security bill was £2,000 a week and the insurance company ordered that the measures remain in force for at least a year.

Rodney Reid, general manager of the foundation, said: "The proposal was becoming financially unviable. We also withdrew because of fears for the safety of the staff and because it was doubtful whether it would have been possible to conduct therapy with that sort of opposition."

The foundation is seeking another site on the edge of an open prison or next to a psychiatric hospital or secure unit.

Andrew Perrins, chairman of the committee that lead the opposition, said: "Everyone feels relief that they are going. We genuinely think that it posed a danger to us."

MIKE READ

Barnacle geese migrating south from Greenland touch down on Islay for a profitable winter welcome

Farmers greet marauding geese as paying guests

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS on the Hebridean island of Islay are being asked to view the previously unwelcome autumn invasion by thousands of geese as another livestock herd for which they will be paid per head.

The geese cause havoc, tearing up pasture and destroying fodder crops, but Scottish Natural Heritage is now offering farmers a compensation scheme of about £9 for every goose on their fields.

About 35,000 barnacle and white-fronted geese will winter on the island, the most southerly of the Inner Hebrides. The geese represent a large proportion of the world population of their species and virtually no field on the island, which is only 25 by 20 miles, is safe from them.

The geese, which migrate from Greenland to the Scottish island, arrive in the second week of October and leave in April. Farmers have for long tried hard to prevent the birds destroying grazing pastures. Schemes have been started to scare them away and special sanctuaries established on the island by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Now the farmers are being paid to manage the geese as if they were sheep or cows. About £300,000 has been set aside for Scottish Natural Heritage's goose management scheme, details of which will be sent soon to the Scottish Office for approval. The scheme was first introduced in pilot form last year, and it proved so successful that it is to be extended for another three years.

Ross Lilley, Scottish Natural Heritage's goose project manager on Islay, says that last year 109 of Islay's 130 farmers joined the scheme. "They are asked to allow the geese to graze freely on the farm and not to disturb them unduly," he says. A count of the birds is then made on each farm every fornight and payment for every goose is calculated. It was £9 last year, when £292,000 was paid to Islay farmers. The figure this year will depend on how many geese arrive.

David Mitchell of the RSPB, says the geese are an internationally important population and Britain has agreed to protect them. The RSPB has bought several farms on the island, which it manages to attract the migratory birds. "The geese eat the grass and it does regenerate quite quickly, but I must say a field which has had several hundred geese feeding on it does look pretty terrible."

Tug bails out drought-hit Shetlanders

BY OUR SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

MONTHS of drought in the Shetlands has forced the local council to bring in water supplies by boat. A 250,000 gallon reservoir at Out Skerries, to the north of the mainland, has just one foot of water while the island's 330,000 gallon dam is empty.

Shetland Islands Council is shipping 38 tonnes of water a day to the 80 islanders on board a tug. It is then pumped ashore through fire hoses.

Arthur Tait, the council's divisional manager for water and drainage, said that no official notices banning the use of hosepipes had been issued to the islanders. "But the official from the water board has spoken to all the inhabitants personally. It's a small island and people know to be careful," he said.

A spokesman for the Met Office said that rainfall in the Shetlands over the past three months was less than 75 per cent of its average.

MEPs scorn curb on motorcycle power

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN regulations that would have restricted the soaring exports of a British motorcycle manufacturer are to be scrapped.

European MPs have given notice that they will reject legislation ordered by the 12 Community governments to limit the power of motorcycles to under 100 brake horsepower within five years for safety reasons. MPs said the rules were "meddling" and would have hit European companies, such as Triumph, which have become world leaders after being almost wiped out by Japanese competition.

Roger Barton, a Labour MEP, said: "What a crazy policy to ban the very machines that are putting the European motorcycle industry back on the map."

Executives at Triumph yesterday welcomed the decision that almost certainly means the plan will not go ahead. The company was worried that bike sales, which have spearheaded its revival in the past three years, would have been stopped in their tracks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Maid was 'treated like sister'

A doctor accused of treating her maid like a slave claimed the woman made up the allegations because she was being sent home to Trinidad, a court was told yesterday.

Radha Tripathi, 30, and her husband Ramesh, 32, a surgeon, deny assaulting Cindy Dindial, 25, at their Lincoln home. Lincoln Crown Court heard that Mrs Tripathi told police she had treated Miss Dindial like a sister, but her work was unsatisfactory. The trial continues.

Murder charge

Kamaljit Kumar Sharma, 36, was remanded in custody for a week by Hendon magistrates accused of murdering his wife Miran, 30, whose body was found after a fire at their home in Edgware, north London.

M26 robbery

Two men, one dressed as a policeman, escaped with a large quantity of jewellery after flagging down an American jeweller trader on the M26 near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Shooting arrest

A third man is being questioned about the shooting of Nicola Lumsden, 19, who is in a critical condition after being hit in the head outside a pub in Washington, Tyne and Wear.

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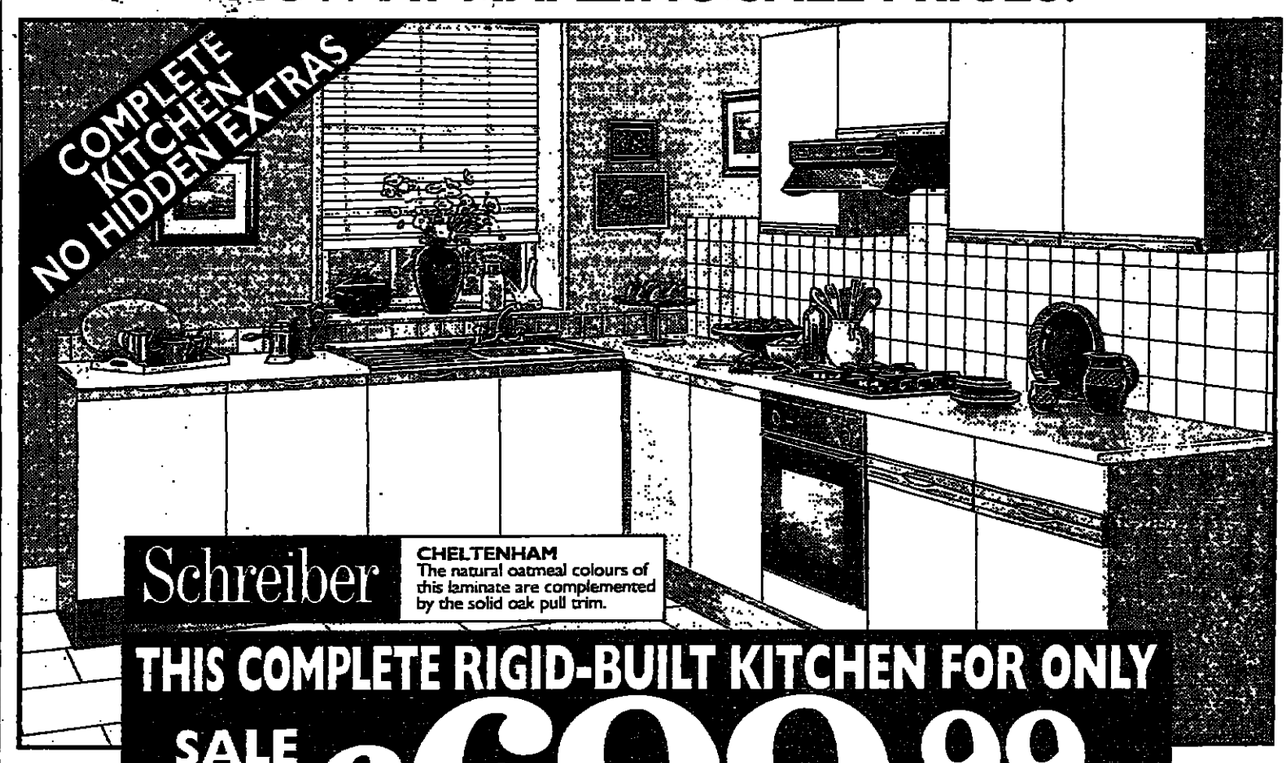

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Beith calls for higher borrowing to invest in housing and transport

Panic could 'snuff out economic recovery'

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government's panic reaction to the sharp rise in public debt could snuff out the first signs of economic recovery, Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrats Treasury spokesman, said yesterday.

He supported additional public borrowing to fund investment in construction, housing, transport and energy efficiency. However, he refused to take a stand on whether income tax should be raised in November's Budget to help to cut the deficit.

Opening the party's debate on the government's economic policy, Mr Beith embarked on the high-risk strategy of supporting re-entry to the European exchange-rate mechanism in the long term, followed by swift moves towards a single European currency. "Ultimately, Europe still needs a single currency," he said. "A single currency actually holds out the opportunity for low interest rates, investment and jobs."

Mr Beith's comments surprised some activists who had urged the leadership to back away from its commitment to a single currency after the debacle in the European currency market in recent years.

Despite Mr Beith's robust speech, the party appeared divided over its future economic and employment policies. The party leadership has set up a commission under Lord Dahrendorf but many at the conference appeared unhappy that the party's key economic debate focused on the government's economic policy rather than its own.

Clearly sensitive to the charge, Mr Beith said: "We are the last people who can be accused of having unclear economic policies. It is a charge which is mainly levelled by those who see a clear economic policy only in total laissez-faire or in total state domination of the economy."

He was urged to give more emphasis in party policy to fighting unemployment and low pay by Sarah Tustin, from Watford, who called for the restoration of wages councils.

Peter Walker, of Warrington South, said the idea of an autonomous Bank of England filled him with horror. The party had a perfectly sensible economic policy without deciding at this stage to support an independent bank.

Hilary Whittaker from Beckenham recalled that a year ago the conference was asked to support moves towards a single currency. The party was "saved" from the consequences of that policy by sterling falling out of the ERM in the same week. "We should be in no hurry to get back to a fixed exchange rate," he said.

Stuart Callison, representing Croydon Central, spoke out against the support for an early settlement of the Gatt world trade talks. Free trade was deeply damaging nonsense because 500 multi-national companies controlled two-thirds of all world trade.

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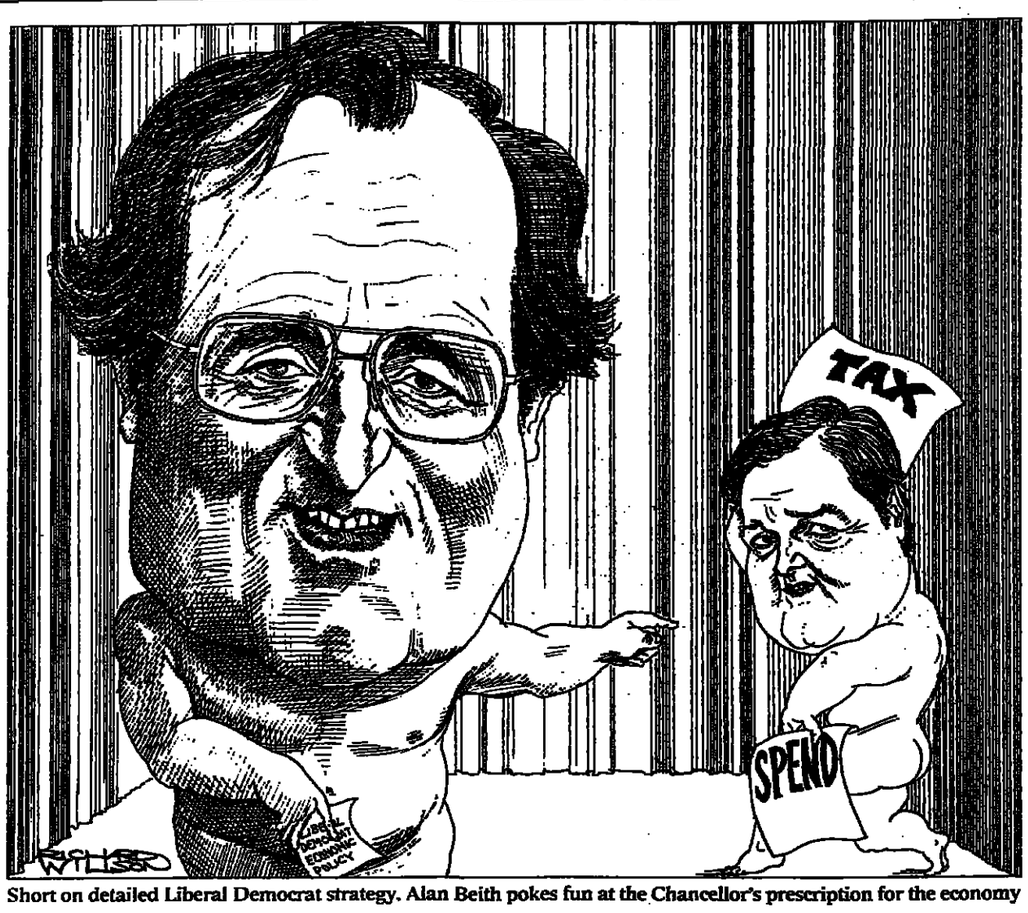

Short on detailed Liberal Democrat strategy. Alan Beith pokes fun at the Chancellor's prescription for the economy

'Proven racists' to be expelled

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL STAFF

THE Liberal Democrats yesterday passed an emergency motion calling for "proven racists" to be evicted from council houses and dismissed from council jobs.

Spurred on by the Tower Hamlets race dispute and a wave of unrest in East London after last week's by-election victory by the far-right British National Party, representatives at the Liberal Democrat conference gave almost unanimous support to the motion.

During the debate Akbar Ali, chairman of Mossley Hill Liberal Democrats in Liverpool, said that the motion did not go far enough. "I am well aware of the allegations at Tower Hamlets," he said. "This matter has been simmering for seven years. This cancer of racism must be removed from society and our party".

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS IN TORQUAY

Mr Ali, a 68-year-old retired electrical engineer, said he had written to Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, alerting him to the problem when he first heard the allegations seven years ago from Bangladeshi constituents who lived 275 miles away in Mossley Hill.

"Again the matter came up in the 1992 general election," he said, but it was "conveniently forgotten". Urging the conference to vote for the motion he said: "This matter can't be forgotten. We should not allow it to be brushed under the carpet. I shall raise the matter again and again until it is resolved."

Simon Hughes, MP for Southwark and Bermondsey opened the debate calling for an end to street violence and a peaceful response to recent events in the East End and southeast London. Pointing to statistics showing that ethnic minorities are more likely to be victims of crime and that clear-up rates vary from 65 per cent to 17 per cent in London, he said: "The general trend is unacceptable and must be halted. The way we are going we could have cities like New York and states like Florida."

Chris Davies, from Gower, was one of two representatives who raised objections. "We must beat racism not ban it. You can't ban a social cancer. The right of free speech is fundamental to Liberal Democrats," he said. Bob Todd, from Cannock and Burntwood, said: "This is not Liberal. If we drive them underground they will become even more insidious."

Liberal Democrat Youth and Students yesterday called on Rupert Allason, the Tory MP for Torbay, to expel Mark Cotterill from the Torbay Conservative Association because they say he was the National Front's southwest regional organiser at the last general election. Kiron Reid, the chairman, said: "Mark Cotterill must explicitly reject the disgusting politics of racism and facism. If not, the Conservative party is being infiltrated by the far right."

Delegates learn to practise 'safe' politics

"HERE, do have mine. I'm not sure I'll be needing it." The elderly Liberal lady beside me handed me her condom. The Terrence Higgins Trust have been distributing free "party packs" to delegates in an effort to heighten awareness of safe sexual practices, and the old lady had found one placed on her chair at a meeting to discuss the spread of Aids. So had I.

Spectacles perched on her nose, her white hair swept up into a bun, she had at first seemed uncertain what the brightly coloured packet contained. I hesitated before accepting her gift, debating whether it would be more gallant to insist she might need it ... but decided to accept a condom with a good grace.

The young chap on my right grinned. "Have mine, too. I was hoping for romance this week, but these days at Liberal Democrat conferences the women assume you're gay. I was wondering where I could get a *Glad To Be Straight* badge!"

Condoms now spilling from my pockets, I returned to the conference hall.

The day began with a decision whose consequences could be profound. By next week, tens of millions may find themselves sacked and homeless. In an "emergency" debate on race relations, delegates voted to evict from council housing, and expel from employment in local government, "proven racists". As this term must apply to at least half the fellow countrymen I meet, welfare agencies may soon be swamped with destitute former council tenants, dustmen, drivers and road diggers. Services may grind to a halt.

But of course the resolution will not be acted upon. It is part of a growing curse among Liberal Democrats: the appetite for "declaratory" measures, which nobody seriously intends to observe, but which nobody has the guts to oppose. Defective resolutions whose hearts are in the right place are adopted simply to give delegates a warm feeling. The practice is common on the Continent, and seems to be growing in Torquay.

The Liberal leadership talks a lot about honesty: about listening and bringing the people into decision-making; but is this careless disregard for language not the deepest sort of cynicism? "Oh, let them have their resolution; they'll have forgotten by next week". Thus is the language of politics debased by the very men who go on to complain that our political culture has been corrupted. Lady Thatcher would never have stood for a resolution like yesterday's. She would have stormed that it was nonsense, had it blocked, and been called "autocratic" for her pains. Paddy Ashdown just smiles, takes no notice and is called a Democrat.

But when one speaker in the racism debate — a Tower Hamlets councillor — told the delegates that he had just visited two victims of racial attacks in hospital, one black and one white, he was very feebly applauded. Your modern Liberal Democrat divides his world into lists; categories are deemed

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favoured or otherwise; rewards or punishments are awarded as appropriate. He does not wish to be confused. Heaven help the first party conference to debate racism among disabled gays. The podium would probably blow a fuse.

As the debate moved to "genetic engineering" I struck up conversation with one of the young conference centre employees monitoring the fire escapes. He was incredulous.

"They all seem so *interested* d'you know, there are people of *my age* in there. Can't they play football or something? All these people come here voluntarily-like! Why aren't they outside enjoying themselves?"

I was unable to answer him.

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Tackling crime with the ill-gotten gains

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CONVICTED criminals will pay towards a national crime prevention campaign under plans approved by Liberal Democrats yesterday. A "surcharge" will be added to court fines and channelled into funds aimed at curbing the crime rate, which has doubled since 1981.

Delegates at the party's Torquay conference passed a motion calling for up to 10 per cent to be added to all fines levied by courts for criminal offences. The move, which could treble the £16 million now spent on crime prevention schemes, came amid Liberal Democrat anger at government attitudes to tackling the rise in crime.

Conference speakers condemned the absence of crime prevention techniques as fuelling the fears of women and the elderly in inner cities and rural areas. Delegates claimed that the fear of crime deterred thousands of pensioners from leaving their homes at night and argued that cheap but effective community action could substantially cut the number of minor crimes, such as burglaries, vandalism and car theft.

The party has monitored crime-stopping programmes operated by councils under its control and claims reductions of 80 per cent in some crime rates.

Some delegates opposed the surcharge scheme, however, claiming that many court fines were already uncollected and arguing that such a system would simply add further financial penalties on those driven to crime through poverty.

Diana Maddock, the MP for Christchurch, called on Michael Howard, the home secretary, to make prevention work a high priority in his plans to combat crime.

Rousing the faithful with set texts

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown will sound a surprisingly sombre note today when he warns Liberal Democrats to respond to the voters' faith in them by behaving responsibly.

As he sends his troops away at the close of the party's autumn conference, the party leader will talk about the hopes of voters now resting with the Liberal Democrats. He will urge delegates to turn that hope into trust and confidence, both in the party and the future of Britain.

Despite his talk of "a breakthrough" earlier this week, Mr Ashdown has been urged by close advisers to stay clear today of telling his party to prepare for government. Instead, he is likely to emphasise the instability in British policies where anything could happen.

Although the activists are buoyed up by the two by-election wins and council victories, their leader will warn them to expect increasingly bitter attacks from Conservatives and Labour. Party aides predict that this week's outbursts by Labour's Jack Straw are a prelude to a winter campaign against them because Liberal Democrats will pose the greatest challenge to Labour in many London and metropolitan council seats next spring.

The party leader has no plans to follow John Major by tossing aside the autocues and speaking off the cuff to his party. No soap box waits in the wings of Torquay's riviera centre.

Mr Ashdown first stood before the mangled remains of the old Alliance in 1988 as leader of the new merged party. Since then he has honed his speaking style, with help from Liz Lynne, the former actress who is MP for Rochdale. Learning changes of pace and tone, the importance of rhythm and how to exploit the two autocue screens, have all helped to ease the woodenness which still plagues Mr Major.

Work on today's speech, his sixth to the autumn conference, started two months ago with a meeting of his inner circle. Two veterans with an influential oversight of the finished text are Lord Holme of Cheltenham, the policy guru, and Tom McNally, formerly speechwriter for Harold Wilson and James Callaghan.

Although Mr Ashdown keeps hands-on control of the content, he has brought fresh blood into his speech-writing team this autumn. The new faces are Nick South, Mr Ashdown's research officer; Neil Sherlock, from the Peat Marwick finance house and the party's candidate in southwest Surrey; and David Vigar, Paddy's political aide who recently defected from BBC *Today* programme, where he was an editor.

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Ashdown: working on the fine print

Smith to stake credibility on his personal trade union reforms plan

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN Smith has decided to stake his authority as Labour leader on pushing through his hotly contested plans to reform his party's links with the trade unions.

In a high-risk move announced yesterday to a meeting of the ruling national executive, Mr Smith is to make an appeal to the Labour conference in Brighton next week for support for his plans to end the formal role of the unions in selecting parliamentary candidates. Mr Smith, who faces a strong possibility of defeat, is to gamble in a final attempt to swing wavering unions and constituency parties behind him.

He wants to bring them face-to-face with the damage they could do to Labour's cause if they rebuff his plans to allow only party members to select its candidates and reselect MPs.

In an unusual departure, Mr Smith has decided to take the issue head-on by delivering a speech opening next Wednesday's debate on the union link. It will follow his traditional keynote speech to the conference on Tuesday.

In the final days before the vote, desperate efforts are being launched to bring the unions and activists to Mr Smith's side. A special meeting for constituency delegates, who will have 30 per cent of the vote, is to be staged in Brighton on Sunday.

The decision to delay the debate until Wednesday means that most of next week's conference will be dominated by the issue of Labour and the unions. Some senior party figures want the debate to be disposed of on Monday, enabling Mr Smith to enjoy the remainder of what might have been a trouble-free conference. Mr Smith regards the matter as so vital that he wants to allow time for the unions and party members to understand fully the importance he attaches to his plans.

Smith: postponing the debate to Wednesday

The Labour leader surprised and delighted NEC colleagues yesterday when he told them that because he had played a leading role in constructing the changes "it is right that I should put the case to conference". Larry Whitty, the general secretary, said: "He is making his personal commitment to the package clear."

Unless some unions make unexpected changes in their stance, there is a chance that the conference could vote down up to five different formulas, including Mr Smith's preferred option of allowing union members to join the party at a cut-price rate of £3 to allow them to take part in selections. That would leave the party with no rules for the start of next year's selections, and Mr Whitty hinted that the NEC might be forced to impose its will.

☐ Mr Smith was yesterday urged to get rid of Clause 4, the Labour party's commitment to public ownership, as part of a radical approach to modernise the party. A report from a group of Labour MPs described the clause as an "ancestral shrine which has long ceased to have a living presence".

Salmond urges SNP to focus on Europe

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ALEX Salmond, the leader of the Scottish Nationalists, yesterday called on his party to forget the failure of the last general election and to set its sights on Europe. Opening the SNP's annual conference in Dunoon, Argyll, Mr Salmond said: "Our strength in votes as well as opinion polls is demonstrated by the fact that we have gained more votes than any other party in local by-elections since the general election".

The SNP managed to increase its share of the vote in Scotland from 14 per cent to 21.5 per cent at the last general election but it won only three seats at Westminster. The Liberal Democrats hung on to their nine Scottish seats despite seeing their share of the vote fall from 19.2 per cent to 13.1 per cent.

The SNP has been given a boost in recent days by an opinion poll which shows them in second place in Scotland with 23 per cent of the vote. Labour has 53 per cent, the Tories 13 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 10 per cent.

A buoyant standing in the opinion polls may not be enough to ensure Mr Salmond a successful conference. He is facing increasing resentment from some party members over his brash style and, what they see, as his unilateral decision-making. Some members have yet to forgive him for forming an alliance with the Tories during the Maastricht debate. Mr Salmond is aiming to raise support in Scotland for his party to 30 per cent in the European elections which would ensure a team of MEPs in Strasbourg.

In recent months he has carefully distanced himself from the anti-English nationalistic wing of the party by stating that England is not to blame for Scotland's problems. The SNP is hoping that a more moderate approach will eventually win over more middle-aged voters to the idea of an independent Scotland within Europe.

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Gaza assassination brings fears of Palestinian feud

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THOUSANDS of Gazans turned out yesterday to pay their last respects to Muhammad Abu Shaaban, the Palestine Liberation Organisation activist, and to pray that his assassination by fellow Arabs is not the beginning of an internecine feud between rival Palestinian groups.

In what has amounted to the most serious challenge yet to the peaceful transfer of Israeli power to Palestinian self-rule, masked gunmen in two cars intercepted and murdered the local leader on Tuesday as he returned from a rally in support of last week's peace deal between Israel and the PLO.

Last night leading Palestinian figures, including Yassir Abed-Rabbo, the PLO's information chief, and Freh Abu Meidin, Mr Abu Shaaban's fellow lawyer in Gaza, tried to play down the professional assassination as a criminal attack rather than a political murder.

Privately, however, there was little doubt in the minds of most Palestinians, including supporters of the mainstream Fatah group loyal to Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, that the killing was politically motivated and could herald further revenge murders between rival groups.

Sources in Gaza said that the murdered activist was either killed in a power struggle with fellow Fatah members, jockeying for position ahead of the handover of power, or was murdered on the orders of one of the ten radical groups opposed to the peace agreement.

Whatever the motives, Mr Abu Shaaban's niece Maha accurately summed up the effect of what she called an assassination. "They wanted to sabotage peace," she said in what many fear is a return of the violent legacy of Palestinian politics.

In 1936 thousands died in the so-called Great Revolt, when a bloody feud erupted between supporters and opponents of compromise with the Jews in Palestine. In exile, the PLO fought a bitter civil war in 1983 in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli. More recently, during the five-year Intifada, about 750 Palestinians, accused of collaborating with Israel, were murdered by fellow Arabs.

Although responsibility for law and order is supposed to be granted to a "strong Palestinian police force" first in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho within the coming five months, and later throughout all the occupied territories, the possibility of inter-factional fighting could seriously challenge the whole concept of self-rule.

Certainly in the teeming refugee camps of the Gaza Strip, where the Intifada was born, there is little sense that a police force made up largely of Palestinian guerrillas now outside the territories has the ability to enforce the law if the situation deteriorates.

The hostility to Mr Arafat and the administration he hopes to create in the territories is already growing in some of Gaza's most squalid refugee camps, such as Shati and Shaikh Radwan.

"These Palestinian policemen who are coming here were chosen by the same people who signed this treacherous deal with Israel. They will come here to imprison Muslims," said Ismail an-Najar, a supporter of the radical Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. His son died in a suicide attack on an Israeli police station last week in Gaza.

As the attack showed, threats by Islamic militants to stop the peace agreement by force are not just hollow words. Since the peace accord Hamas and Islamic Jihad, its sister organisation, have launched six operations against Israeli targets, three of them suicide attacks in the Gaza Strip.

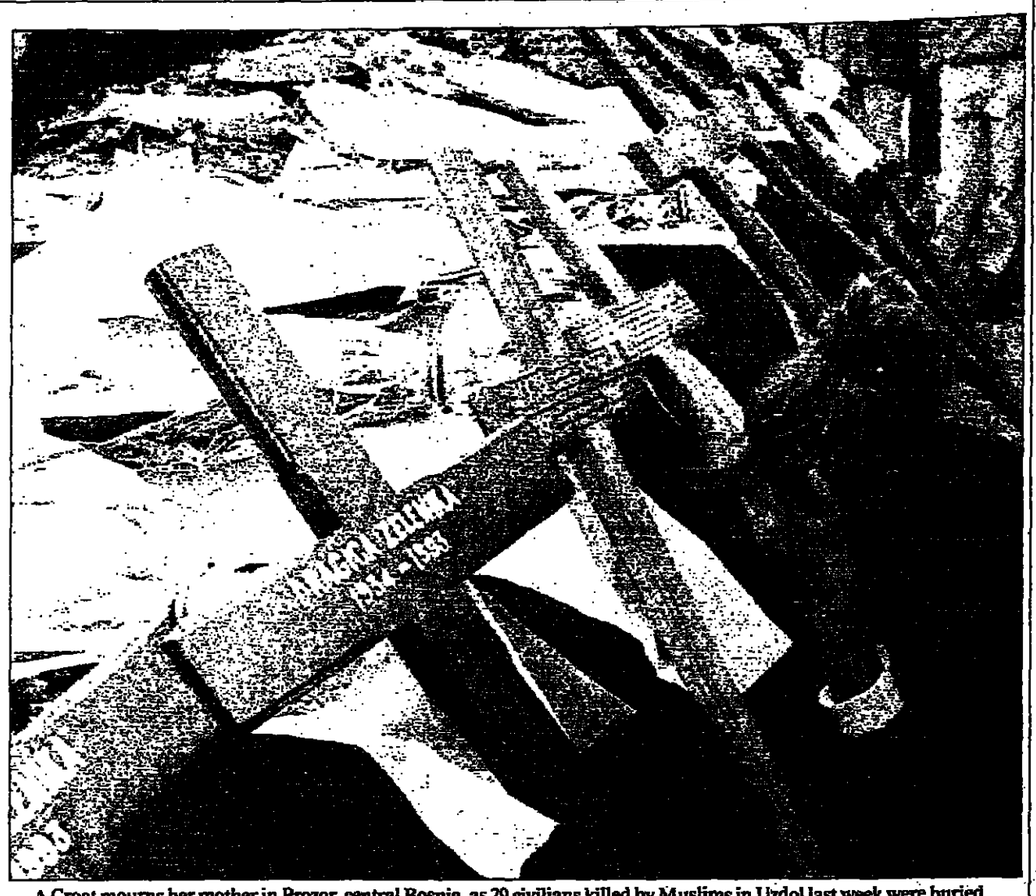
The Islamic groups, which were encouraged by Israel to weaken the PLO, were outmanoeuvred by the speed of the peace deal and may have seen a decline in their estimated one third support among the 750,000 Gazans. But the fundamentalists expect to recoup some of their support, particularly as their leader, exiled last year, begin to return and are hailed as heroes.

"My son's martyrdom was only the beginning because this is a long-term battle to restore Palestine into an Islamic land," Mr an-Najar said.

Mubarak expects deal on Golan

Cairo: President Mubarak of Egypt, trying to forge peace between Israel and Syria, said yesterday that a deal was now close on Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights (Christopher Walker writes). His forecast was published as President Assad of Syria arrived for a two-day meeting in Alexandria.

An Arab diplomat said that Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was ready in principle to withdraw and to accept multinational supervision, but not immediately: he needed some months to lessen political pressure at home.



A Croat mourns her mother in Prozor, central Bosnia, as 29 civilians killed by Muslims in Uzdol last week were buried

Muslim soldier admits taking part in Christmas massacre of Serbs

FROM GEORGE EYKYN IN FOCA

BOSNIA'S Serbs have appealed to the Geneva-based United Nations War Crimes Commission to investigate what they say was one of the worst atrocities committed by Muslims against Serb civilians. They claim that 57 people were massacred in ten villages in a valley near Foca in eastern Bosnia in a surprise attack last Christmas and say all but two of the victims were civilians. In Bosnia such accusations are rarely confirmed by the alleged perpetrators, but a captured Muslim soldier has substantiated much of the story to the BBC.

The attack, previously unreported outside former Yugoslavia, was in the Josanica valley on the morning of December 19 last year. Local Serbs, who have compiled a dossier of photographic evidence for the UN, say as many as 600 Muslim soldiers surrounded each of the ten hamlets during the night.

According to survivors, a signal flare was fired at 7am starting what the Serbs claim was a two-hour orgy of shooting, burning and killing. When it was over, they say, only 13 of the 70 valley residents were left alive.

In Foca prison, the BBC interviewed Saban Kurtovic, a Muslim soldier who admitted taking part in the attack. A former security guard from Foca, he insisted he had not been forced to speak and that he had not been offered a deal by the Serbs. He served with the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Drina Brigade based at Mravice, a village near Gorazde. He was captured last June.

He said he and his colleagues had been told Josanica was to be a straightforward reprisal for alleged Serbian atrocities against Muslims in Visegrad. He said up to 350 men were involved, adding: "We knew we were going against civilians. Nobody tried to make out that we were going to fight the Bosnian Serb Army or to take some important piece of territory."

He said the Muslim soldiers had been given a lot of alcohol on their way to Josanica, where they split into ten groups, each group assigned to a target village. During the attack, he said, there was no shooting from the Serbs, and no Muslim casualties.

George Eykyn is a reporter for the BBC's Breakfast News

NEWS IN BRIEF

Owen says Nato force may have to fight

London: Nato may have to fight if it sends 50,000 troops to Bosnia for two years as part of the peace package now being debated, the negotiators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg told alliance leaders in Brussels yesterday (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

The meeting occurred as a former British sergeant, Graham John Noble, 27, from Brighton, was freed by a court in the Serb-held Krajina area of Croatia after being arrested in June and charged with spying for Croat forces. The charge was later reduced to "injuring state security".

Croatia meanwhile said it would ask United Nations peacekeepers to withdraw next week unless the UN acknowledged its demand to disarm Serb forces occupying one third of the republic.

Exiles return

Havana: Tears and applause greeted more than 100 Cuban exiles who returned home from the United States on the first flight in a programme allowing more exiles to visit relatives. *(Reuter)*

Andreotti 'lied'

Rome: Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian prime minister, was reported as admitting to magistrates that he lied to investigators about his alleged Mafia connections.

Fish poisoned

Abu Dhabi: Officials have told residents not to eat fish from Gulf waters after many were found to contain dangerous chemicals. They did not say where the substances may have come from. *(Reuter)*

Grave digging

Peking: China is to start excavating the final vault at the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang, near Xian, unearthing the last regiments of the 2,000-year-old terracotta army. The work is likely to take several years. *(Reuter)*

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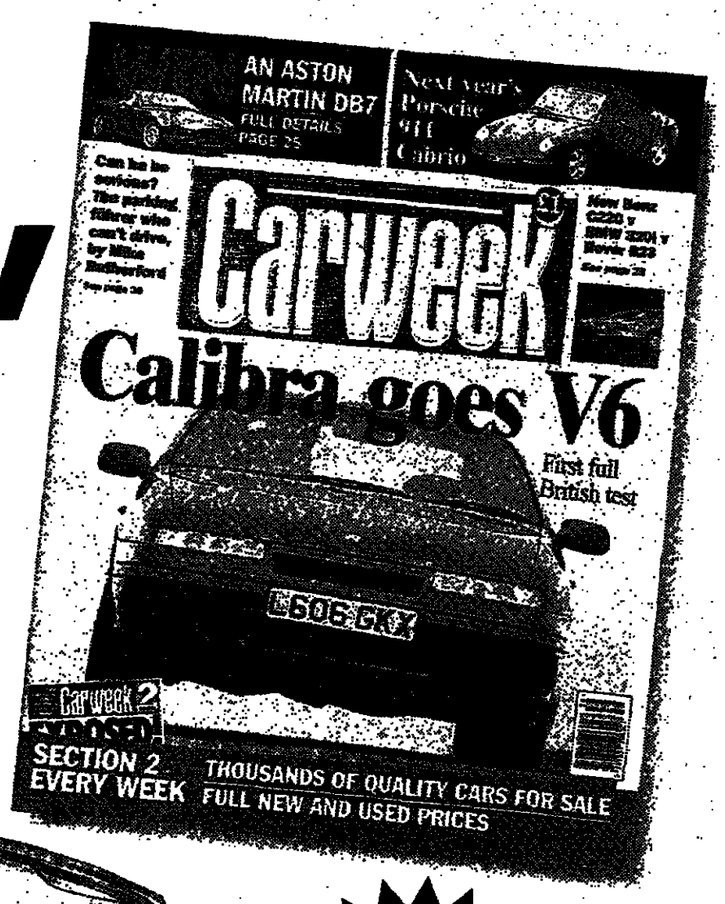

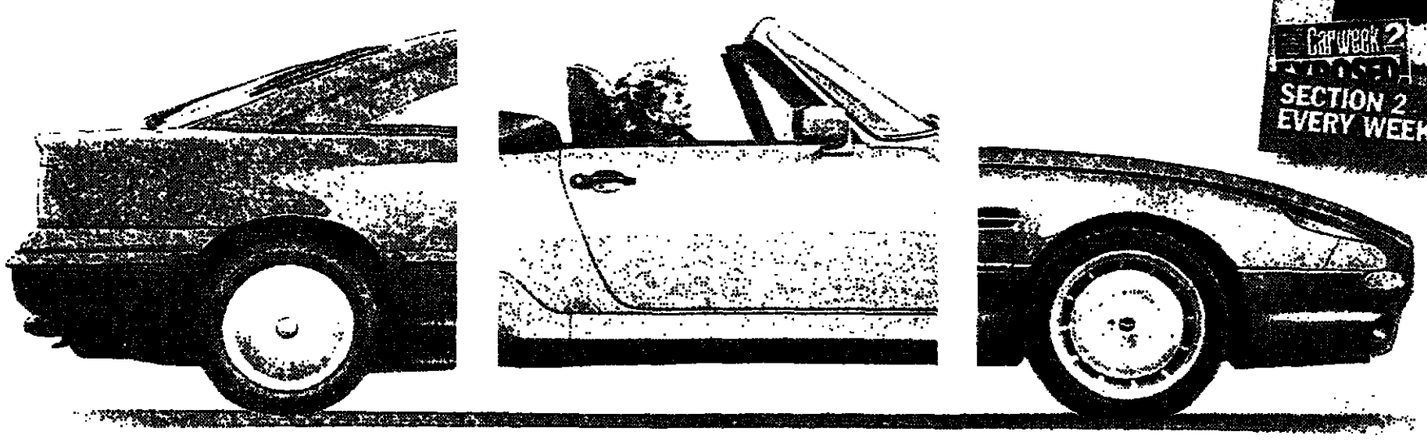

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Clinton launch their health care plan as US counts the cost

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The president and his wife have taken on a huge task: they must convince 16 committees, 24 sub-committees and finally Congress of the merits of their health reforms

PRESIDENT Clinton formally launched one of the great debates on American social policy last night with a nationally televised address to Congress promoting his plan to provide every American with lifelong health security while curbing the country's exploding health care costs.

A poll by *The New York Times* indicated that 90 per cent of Americans agreed that the present system needed drastic surgery, with 83 per cent support for Mr Clinton's aim of universal coverage; but respondents were evenly split on whether his plan would work.

From today the president, his wife Hillary and his entire cabinet will spread out across the country in a month-long drive to convince the public that they can provide universal health care as good as that which most insured Americans enjoy now without big new tax increases.

Opponents see the plan as a giant social experiment based on flawed economic assumptions and untested theories that could wreck what is good about the present free-market system and impose a crippling new burden on the economy. Critics contend that Mr Clinton cannot provide universal coverage without big tax rises or benefit reductions, that mandatory employer contributions will cripple small businesses, and that the plan is far too dependent on government intervention.

Mr Clinton counters that he can finance his plan largely by eliminating the waste and inefficiency of the present system, that cutting corporate health costs will create jobs, and that the biggest threat to the economy is to allow health spending to continue to rise. It already amounts to $900 billion (£588 billion) a year. The president and his wife emphasised that the plan was a blueprint open to negotiation. Mrs Clinton hinted that she might be prepared to extend the deadline for achieving universal coverage to spread the costs.

Mrs Clinton, as the plan's chief salesman, has dazzled congressmen with her command of detail and ability to explain complex concepts simply. It will be weeks before the Health Security Act is sent to Congress and in the meantime it will run the gauntlet of no fewer than 16 committees and 24 sub-committees, all anxious to leave their imprint. It will be well into next year before Mr Clinton learns the fate of the issue.

John Demjanjuk, right, acquitted of being the Nazi concentration camp guard "Ivan the Terrible", taking breakfast on the aircraft that flew him back to the United States yesterday. His companion is James Traficant, the Democrat congressman who flew to Israel with members of Mr Demjanjuk's family to escort him home. At New York's John F. Kennedy airport in the early hours, Mr Demjanjuk, 73, wearing a panama hat and a bullet-proof vest and flanked by private bodyguards, was spat at and jeered by angry demonstrators (Ben Macintyre writes). At least two protesting members of Jewish organisations were arrested. Out of sight of Mr Demjanjuk, his body was burnt in effigy at the airport by another group. He was believed to have flown on to Cleveland, Ohio, where he lived before being extradited to Israel in 1986. "It is time for him to fade back into normal life," Ed Nishnic, Mr Demjanjuk's son-in-law, said. To judge by the reactions of his fellow passengers, Mr Demjanjuk's hopes of re-creating the quiet suburban life of a retired car worker in Cleveland are virtually nil.

Beirut hostage turns to politics

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

TERRY Anderson, after seven years as a hostage in Beirut, followed by 21 months writing his memoirs, has followed the example of many other American celebrities, and turned to politics.

Mr Anderson, the Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press before he was kidnapped by Islamic militants in March 1985, has launched New York Renaissance, a grass-roots organisation aimed at reforming New York's state government and eventually propelling Mr Anderson to power.

The group, which Mr Anderson refers to as his "Jihad Americana", owes much to the example set by Ross Perot, the third contestant in the presidential race last year. Like Mr Perot, the former hostage is not above partaying his name and fame into raw political clout, and says he will run for office when the time is right. "I can look at myself and say 'You're certainly going to run for something, some day'," he told *The New York Times*.

Police caught in middle as 50 die in township war

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A CIVIL war of growing intensity, with the security forces as a third party, flared up this week in the black townships of the East Rand, where the death toll since Monday is more than 50.

Yesterday senior figures from the parties whose followers are blamed for the strife, visited the area to try to calm tempers. At the same time police cordoned off Phola Park, the squatter camp on the outskirts of Thokoza, and searched it.

Police said they were looking for perpetrators of the worst incident, the occupants of a minibus who fired at pedestrians, vehicles, taxi queues and shoppers along a three-mile stretch of road near Thokoza, killing 18 people and wounding many more.

The shooting followed another incident when a gang of men lay in wait for a minibus taxi, and opened fire at it, hitting the driver. The bus turned over and the gunmen walked over and opened fire again. Six people were killed and nine hurt.

A further nine killings have been reported in the two townships.

On the West Rand, gold miners refused to go to work at Durban Deep mine at Roodepoort after six workers were killed and 41 injured during a fight between Zulu employees and other miners at the mine hostel.

The killings have taken place despite a greatly increased police and military presence in the townships. In fact the police presence has often served to infuriate rather than calm tempers, and the police are regularly fired on. Yesterday they came under fire from one of the hostels in Thokoza which house Zulu migrant workers and were stoned as they tried to stop a crowd attacking the hostels.

At a meeting in Thokoza stadium, Joe Modise, the commander of the ANC military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, said that white policemen must be withdrawn from the townships because they were conniving with Inkatha.

Parliamentary progress of the bill which will establish a transitional executive council to supervise various key ministries in the run up to next year's general election was held up briefly when Roelf Meyer, the constitutional affairs minister, was called a "despicable traitor" by Jan Hoon, an MP of the right-wing Conservatives. Mr Hoon refused to withdraw and the session suspended. Yesterday Mr Hoon was suspended and the debate concluded. A vote is expected today.

Meyer: described as a "despicable traitor"

Afrikaner radio defies Pretoria

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

IN THE dusty veld 20 miles from Pretoria, South Africa's capital city, a group of Afrikaners is defying the government by operating a pirate radio station dedicated to their culture, language and history.

The operators of "Radio Pretoria" play Boer folk music between snippets of Afrikaner history and news bulletins and claim they are redressing the balance now that the official South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has "fallen under the control of the African National Congress". They are relying on a handful of suburban vigilantes, the "Pretoria Boer Commando Group", to fend off any attempt to take them off the air by force.

"We shall not shoot first," said a bearded commando, a semi-automatic pistol on his hip, at the barbed-wire fence around the site. "But we shall certainly return fire and prevent them from shutting us down."

The station is appropriately on the site of one of the later battles of the Boer war. At the end of an earth track is a 40ft tower painted red white and blue and flying the old Transvaal republic's flag. Beside the tower is a prefabricated building where Anieta Armand, 56, a broadcaster for almost 30 years, introduces the records and reads the news.

Radio Pretoria must be one of the few radio stations anywhere still regularly playing old vinyl discs. Admirers keep bringing in records, and well-wishers come with gifts of money. Supporters give their labour freely.

The driving force behind the station is the Rev Mossie van den Burgh, 66, a retired Dutch Reformed Church pastor. He is chairman of the Afrikaner Kultuurbond (Cultural Society) and declares: "We are opposed to this multicultural craze."

The station was in fact granted a licence as part of the liberalisation of the airwaves — but to broadcast for just one day, last Saturday. It is still on the air because, Mr van den Burgh said, "Nobody erects a radio station just to broadcast for one day."

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Rutskoi's general could hold key to loyalty of troops

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND ANATOL LIEVEN

IN THE struggle for the army's allegiance now in progress between the two rival Russian presidents, Colonel-General Vladislav Achalov, a hardline former airborne commander, could become the key figure.

General Achalov has been appointed defence minister by Aleksandr Rutskoi. He comes from Tatar stock and has a reputation as a hot-headed commander who enjoys making quick decisions and expects instant response. Before the August 1991 coup attempt he was the Soviet deputy defence minister. He was viewed as a supporter of the coup conspirators and was forced to retire.

Yesterday there were claims that he was beginning to persuade some army units to obey his orders. There was, however, no evidence to support this.

General Pavel Grachev, President Yeltsin's defence minister, said some military units had received "orders" from General Achalov to report to the parliament building with side-arms. It was not clear if they had responded.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, who is visiting Moscow might be prepared to support him if they had to make a choice.

THE ARMY

General Achalov trained as a paratrooper, breaking his left leg on his first jump and his right on the second. He commanded the 76th Airborne Division in 1979. In the late 1980s he was head of airborne troops. He also served as chief of staff in Leningrad.

Mr Yeltsin and General Grachev yesterday vowed not to use force. But a serious clash between law-and-order forces and Mr Yeltsin's opponents inside the parliament building could be the catalyst to split the army, which is terrified of being drawn into the power struggle: as troops demonstrated in the 1991 coup, they have no wish to shed their countrymen's blood.

Any order to use force, therefore, could lead many army units into the hands of Mr Rutskoi and General Achalov: the general's promotion is, however, more likely to be short-lived.

The command system for launching Russia's nuclear weapons remain under Mr Yeltsin's control.

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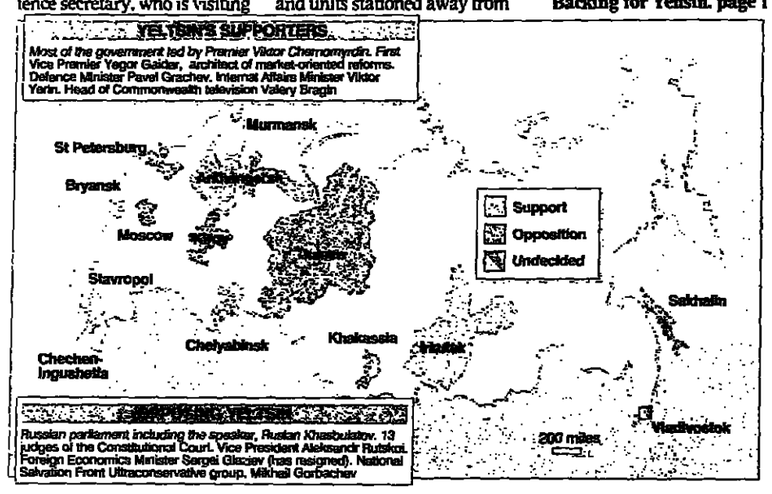


Cromwellian leader tells MPs to go

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin waxed Cromwellian yesterday as he denounced the Russian parliament, which he had decreed abolished but which continues obstinately to go on meeting. Speaking on a walkabout in Moscow, he said roundly that "the parliament does not exist, so there is not, cannot and must not be any dialogue. But there will be no blood, I tell you. I think we have had enough of parliament making fools of us and the people. Enough!"

Few people would describe Mr Yeltsin, a former communist boss with a reputation for heavy drinking, as a Cromwellian character, but his words recalled the famous ones of Cromwell when he dissolved the Rump Parliament in 1654. "It is not fit that you sit here any longer. Begone, I say, and let us have done with you. In the name of God, go!" Like Cromwell,

PUBLIC MOOD

Mr Yeltsin as he spoke was flanked by military lieutenants, in the president's case by his defence and interior ministers. But there the resemblance ends. Cromwell, victor of the English civil war and in full control of the most modern army in Europe, was perfectly capable of closing the parliament by force. The MPs knew that and dispersed meekly.

Mr Yeltsin's position is very different. The defence minister may have backed him, but the president has had to guarantee that force will not be used against parliament. If true, that reduces the Russian political struggle once again to a prolonged game of chicken — not a game that Oliver Cromwell had to indulge in very often.

Perhaps for that reason the mood inside and outside parliament yesterday was not nearly as deadly serious as it was in the heady days of the August 1991 coup. The "barricades" erected by the parliament's defenders are themselves a sign of this. They are pathetic affairs, small heaps of stones, pipes and bits of railing. Most look as if they could hardly stop a pram, let alone a tank.

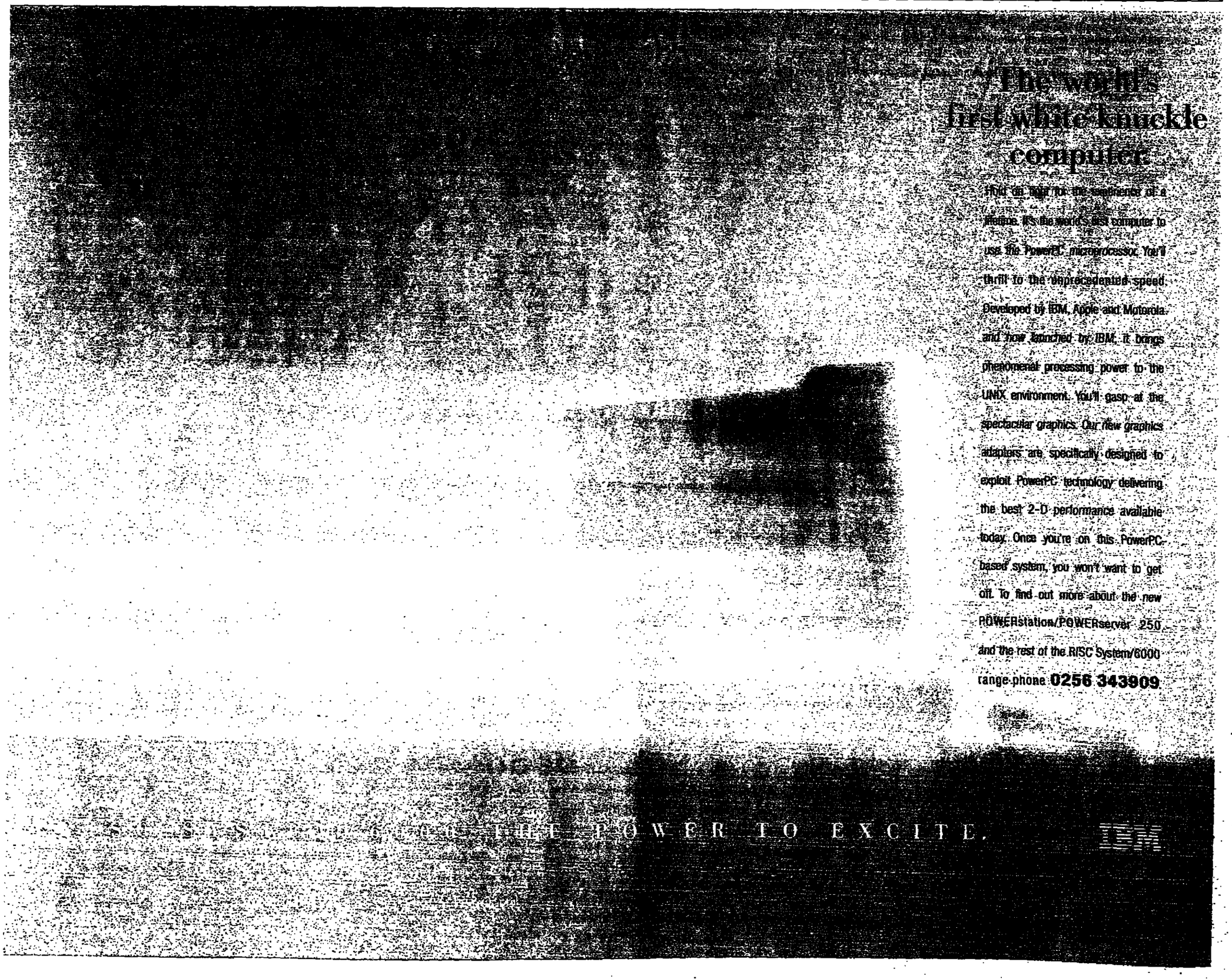
The crowd outside parliament numbered about 7,000 people — a tiny number in proportion to the size of Moscow. The general impression across Russia yesterday was of small islands of intense political activity in a vast sea of public apathy.

Most of the crowd yesterday was still made up of elderly and often rather sad people. Their most bitter complaints were reserved for their economic condition. Scattered through the crowd however were knots of dangerous-looking youths in leather jackets and paramilitary gear, mostly gathered under flags of extreme nationalist groups.

Inside the parliament there was no siege atmosphere. After their risky move to depose Mr Yeltsin on Tuesday, some of the deputies appeared to have become more moderate overnight. Colonel Viktor Alksnis, one of the most radical of them, even said that he expects a compromise to be forced on both president and parliament by pressure from the Russian regions. He said the compromise might consist of a mutual drawing back and an agreement to simultaneous presidential and parliamentary elections.

In view of this mood and Mr Yeltsin's promise not to use force, tension here has decreased appreciably since Tuesday night. On the other hand, Colonel Alksnis said: "There is always a danger that someone will create a provocation by shedding blood. And once the first blood has been shed, nobody can say what will happen."

Communist supporters tying a red Soviet flag on the statue of a soldier standing near parliament in Moscow



Divided world waits for gamble to pay off in Moscow

Rutskoi: thrived in a constitutional fog

WESTERN SECURITY

*The battle for power in Russia has left the West with a dilemma. **Martin Ivens** asks how it will make a collective voice heard*

IN RUSSIA history may repeat itself first as farce then as tragedy, to stand Marx's dictum on its head. The vodka-soaked August coup of 1991 petered out as a Keystone cops affair: the fate of Boris Yeltsin's constitutional coup and Aleksandr Rutskoi's counter-coup could be more bloody. Whether applauding or booing, the West will merely sit on its hands; and yet there are great interests at stake.

The Western trumpet, this time round, sounds a little less uncertain. In 1991 President Mitterrand's early defeatist appearance on French television gave comfort to the undemocratic enemy, only partly offset by John Major's prompt opposition to the coup. There were, fortunately, no such embarrassments on Tuesday, although President Clinton's giggling performance at the White House press conference left something to be desired.

No doubt Western chancelleries were better prepared this time for a showdown between a democratically elected president and an undemocratic parliament. Western leaders might even argue *sotto voce* that Mr Yeltsin should have dispensed with this undemocratic parliament two years ago to allow for the development of real democratic party politics. The hardline ex-communists have thrived in Russia's constitutional fog, able to sabotage reform and attack President Yeltsin's legitimacy.

The West will probably do little until it is clear Mr Yeltsin's gamble has paid off. Like Mr Yeltsin himself, Western leaders now hope that the steps already taken to liberalise the economy and dismantle the communist apparatus have gone too far to be reversed. They pray the armed forces have already been squared by Mr Yeltsin. They will have nothing to do with the hardliners.

The West has already done well out of the unravelling of Soviet power. Germany has secured its unity and "Mitteleuropa" is again united with Western civilisation. The European Community has done little enough to promote the stability of Poland, Hungary and the Czech lands by its protectionist trade policies, but the strategic gains are already evident. The dissolution of the Warsaw Pact has been an incalculable bonus, although not all Soviet troops have yet gone home. Even their failure to act in former Yugoslavia has been a conscious choice.

Outside Europe, the gains have also been dramatic. American influence in the Middle East is paramount because of the absence of a superpower competitor. The Israeli-Arab dialogue which holds out the promise of peace between Jew and Arab would have once foundered on Soviet ill-will.

Certainly, the West will be concerned by the character of the regime that controls the nuclear arsenal of the former Soviet Union. Naturally, we are all in favour of a democratic outcome and a *freeish* market system. Obviously, we want to keep our gains in Europe and elsewhere. But are there other interests at stake? The West cannot make up its mind. In the rarefied circles which debate grand strategy an argument has been raging about the fate of the non-Russian Soviet Union, the territory known in Moscow as "Near Abroad".

The pessimists say the West has already surrendered the territory of the former Soviet Union to Russia, whether led by Mr Yeltsin or Mr Rutskoi. The pessimists point to Russian army provocation in Moldavia, to the blatant backing of Abkhazian rebels by Russia against Georgia, to Russian army foot-dragging and threats in the Baltic republics. Belorussia no longer cares about its own existence. Independent Ukraine has been brought to heel, forced to concede its rights over the Black Sea fleet and its nuclear missiles to get oil from Russia. Central Asia is in hock to Moscow, financially and strategically. Russian minorities provide more than 20 million reasons for military intervention.

Meanwhile, the pessimists point to a deal made by Western bankers which allowed Russia to control assets held jointly by all the former Soviet republics in return for paying all their joint debts. These debts will, of course, not be paid — the assets will retain their value. When Georgia complained about its treatment at Russian hands, the West told it to get lost. The West is seduced by the notion that Moscow is picking up the White Mun's Burden.

The optimists say a doomsday scenario of a reunited, evil empire is stuff and nonsense. Russia remains the key power in an area where anarchy would otherwise prevail. The Soviet periphery is often even less democratic than Moscow.

If Ukraine under a Brezhnevite president is a bankrupt nation it is because the government has refused to take even the most tentative steps towards reform. Hard cheese if Moscow chooses to play hard ball.

Finally, the optimists argue, Mr Yeltsin wants to build up the Confederation of Independent States as a peacekeeping organisation responsible to a wider peacekeeping organisation like the UN or the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In which forum should the West make its choice? A schizophrenic UN? A toothless CSCE? A moribund Nato? An inward looking EC? The G7 — a body lacking military muscle? A security pact between Germany, France and Britain — or even a sort of super Western European Union? These nations and organisations cannot even agree over Yugoslavia. In the meantime the fate of Russia lies in the balance.

How will the West make its collective voice heard in the East?

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Yeltsin gets West's support despite Clinton hesitation

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON, NICHOLAS WOOD IN KUALA LUMPUR AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

REACTION

In one of the most comprehensive outlines of America's new foreign policy, Anthony Lake, President Clinton's national security adviser, has said that Russia's democratic and market reforms constitute vital foreign policy concerns, and that the US would pursue pragmatic, even unorthodox, strategies to look after these interests. He outlined an assertive policy to replace the "doctrine of containment" with a "strategy of enlargement" of democracy.

NO COUNTRY reveres its constitution like America, which helps to explain Washington's slow and fumbling reaction to Boris Yeltsin's extra-constitutional dissolution of Russia's parliament.

Mr Yeltsin required immediate support from the West, and particularly from Washington, to bolster his position. There was no doubt within the administration that American interests would best be served by Mr Yeltsin's survival: his successors would almost certainly be hardliners hostile to both democratic reform and America. Yet in contrast to John Major, it took President Clinton more than six hours on Tuesday publicly to throw his weight behind the Russian leader, by which time it was well past midnight in Moscow.

Indeed Mr Clinton's initial comments, about two hours after Mr Yeltsin's speech, might easily have been misinterpreted by Mr Yeltsin's opponents as a sign of indifference to his fate. The president was briefing about 200 radio chat show hosts on his health care reforms, a subject that has preoccupied him for the past few days, and referred to the dramatic events in Moscow almost as a lighthearted aside.

"Since you've been sitting here, Boris Yeltsin has dissolved the Russian parliament and called elections for that parliament and his major opponent has apparently declared himself president," Mr Clinton said with a laugh. He offered no judgment on Mr Yeltsin's action, observing merely that "they are going through these things, trying to come to grips with what it means to be a democracy and what it means to change things."

The administration was caught flat-footed by Mr Yeltsin's announcement, though Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister, had intimated to Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, during last week's Middle East peace ceremony that some dramatic action to resolve Moscow's political stalemate was approaching.

Washington's dilemma was that although it saw Mr Yeltsin as Russia's best hope for political and economic reform, and although it considered the Russian constitution to be a scarcely valid legacy of communism, it knew supporting democratic procedures in Russia was more important than backing a single man.

Mr Clinton obtained the fig leaf he needed in a 17-minute telephone conversation with Mr Yeltsin on Tuesday night. Mr Clinton won firm assurances that Mr Yeltsin would hold free and fair elections this December. Mr Clinton then publicly declared his backing for the Russian leader, focusing on Mr Yeltsin's end, not his means. In a carefully worded statement, Mr Clinton said: "I believe that the path to elections for a new legislature is ultimately consistent with the democratic and reform course that he has charted."

America's unease was apparent on Capitol Hill yesterday. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said he supported Mr Yeltsin but felt "uncomfortable when any president disbands a sitting parliament and disregards an existing constitution". Robert Dole, the Senate's Republican leader, was equally cautious, saying: "We have to watch the situation closely, keep the US on the side of democracy and hope that the December elections will result in a mandate for Yeltsin."

In Kuala Lumpur, Mr Major extended strong support to Mr Yeltsin. The prime minister, who sent a message to Mr Yeltsin, said that Britain was on the side of the reform process but wanted President Yeltsin to avoid the use of force if possible and to operate under the rule of law. "We would want it to proceed peaceably. Let there be no doubt whatsoever that the reform process is most likely to go ahead under President Yeltsin."

By last night Western political, security and economic institutions joined in a unanimous chorus of support for Mr Yeltsin. Manfred Wörner, Nato's secretary-general, said: "The most important thing is to support the democratic forces to enable the reforms to continue and to prevent the country from falling into chaos." The European Community called the crisis "the inevitable consequences of an impasse created by conservative forces hostile to democratic reform". Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, said: "President Yeltsin has turned once again directly to the people of his country to overcome its crisis through a democratic decision. He deserves our full support." Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's prime minister, said: "We have supported Russia's domestic reforms all the way and will continue to watch developments." China declined to express a preference between Mr Yeltsin and Mr Rutskoi. "As a neighbouring country, we hope that Russia will maintain stability." Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Nobel prizewinning author of *The Gulag Archipelago* and former dissident, also backed Mr Yeltsin but criticised those who surround him.

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Boris Yeltsin among supporters in Pushkin Square, Moscow, where he stopped yesterday on his way from his country house to the Kremlin

Purse strings at the heart of tug-of-war

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ECONOMICS

THE tug-of-war between Boris Yeltsin and the Russian parliament has been caused mainly by their fight for the custody of a sickly infant: the Russian economy.

Mr Yeltsin wants to force the pace of reforms that he believes will eventually give the economy a long and healthy life. Parliament thinks the shock to the country is too great and wants to move at a far gentler pace.

If Mr Yeltsin succeeds, he must inflict more hardships on the Russian people to force the International Monetary Fund to keep its pledge of at least $1.5 billion in extra aid this year. These hardships must be imposed at the very time Mr Yeltsin needs to win voters for the election he has called in December.

If the parliamentary hardliners win, they would almost certainly alienate Russia's main Western backers and so lose the billions pledged in aid. In July, the G7 summit of industrialised countries agreed a $3 billion (£1.98 billion) fund to help Russian privatisation over 18 months. This is in addition to $43 billion already promised in aid, loans and debt rescheduling.

The focus of the clash has recently concentrated on the budget deficit. The government wants the deficit to be 12 trillion roubles ($12 billion) this year, while parliament has set a target of more than twice that. The IMF says the deficit must fall to within 10 per cent of GDP by the end of the year before it will hand over the promised $1.5 billion.

Parliament was to have discussed tomorrow a request by Mr Yeltsin's government to borrow a relatively modest 4,700 billion roubles from the central bank to finance the deficit. Parliament wanted to force the government to borrow 15,000 billion roubles, so fuelling an inflation rate running at more than 20 per cent a month.

In naming Yegor Gaidar, the architect of reform, as acting economics minister yesterday, Mr Yeltsin is clearly snubbing parliament's desire to slow the rate of change.

The danger of political unrest spilling over into violence is greater if the parliament faction wins the struggle, since it would probably be unable to cope financially without foreign economic aid.

"The real risk is that parliament would not be able to move on the economy and would look to military and foreign policy issues to use a smokescreen," Howard White, lecturer in Russian government at the London School of Economics, said. "The parliamentarians would find it very difficult with an outrageous budget deficit which the IMF could not possibly sanction."

Parliament has ordered the central bank to stop financing government and presidential organisations, while Mr Yeltsin has ordered it to obey presidential decrees and government orders until after the elections. The bank yesterday indicated support for Mr Yeltsin. In return, Viktor Gerashchenko, its head, whose relations with Mr Yeltsin have been cool, won support from the government to attend this month's IMF and World Bank annual meetings in Washington.

Some observers believe the present stalemate will last until December, with some form of compromise enabling the country to function at basic levels until then. In this case, the pace of economic reform will have to be slowed to some extent.

☐ *Bonn*: Germany and Russia will today sign a bilateral deal to reschedule eight billion marks (£3.22 billion) worth of Russian debt, an official said. *(Reuter)*

Gaidar: the architect of economic reform

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Airport reopens after downing of jet

FROM LIAM MCDOWALL IN TBILISI

GEORGIA

THE airport at the besieged city of Sukhumi reopened yesterday under continued shelling, a day after Abkhazian rebels shot down a passenger plane, killing 28 Russian and Georgian civilians.

Fierce fighting was reported as Georgian troops tried to keep the Abkhazian forces out of Sukhumi, the regional capital and last government stronghold in the area. In an offensive that began a week ago, the rebels have reached the city's outskirts.

Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, has vowed not to let the city fall, staying in Sukhumi despite the gunfire and visiting the front to boost troop morale. His forces claimed some progress yesterday in their push north from the capital of Tbilisi along the highway linking Sukhumi with the rest of Georgia. The Abkhazians also reported gains, according to Tass news agency. Details of the fighting were sketchy, however, because telephones to Sukhumi were cut.

Georgian forces were also fighting to reopen a road and rail link with the town of Ochamchira 40 miles to the southeast. The defence ministry said they had made some headway, but they still appeared far from their objective of regaining control of the entire highway.

More than 1,500 people have been wounded and an unknown number killed in fighting in and around Sukhumi, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said yesterday. The ICRC appealed to both parties to respect civilian rights and allow humanitarian aid to reach victims without discrimination. Three hospitals in Sukhumi had to be evacuated on Tuesday because of the intense fighting, it added.

Georgian officials said the TU-134 aircraft had been hit by a heat-seeking missile from an Abkhazian gunboat in the Black Sea. There were few other details about the plane, which had been trying to land on a flight from Sochi, in southern Russia.

Mr Shevardnadze has appealed to Russia and the West for help. Vakhtang Goguadze, the Georgian Speaker, issued a statement yesterday supporting Boris Yeltsin in his power struggle.

Russia has said it is neutral in the Abkhazian conflict and has condemned the rebel offensive, but many Georgians believe Russia has aided the rebels. *(AP)*

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D-Day 1944 was the beginning of the end of the second world war. **Russell Miller** on eyewitnesses to an invasion

'Look, the sea is black with boats'

The hopes and fears of the German soldiers and French civilians on the receiving end of the Allied bombardment and landings

Soldiers moving up on June 7, D-Day plus 1. They were received with welcome and disbelief by the French: 'They're here! They've landed, and if you don't believe me, here's an American cigarette'

The French people woke up on the morning of June 6, 1944 to greet the day for which they had been waiting so long, the day they were to be delivered from German occupation, D-Day. For the Germans, it was the day they had dreaded for so long . . .

Obergefreite Werner Kortenhaus
aged 19, 4th Company, 22nd Panzer Regiment
WE OFTEN discussed the Allied landing. We thought, let them get here, we'll throw them out again. But then we also thought there were several thousand German aircraft ready to come and give us air support.

Feldmarschall Gerd von Rundstedt
commander-in-chief West
THE STRENGTH of the defences was absurdly overrated. The "Atlantic Wall" was an illusion, conjured up by propaganda — to deceive the German people as well as the Allies. It used to make me angry to read the stories about its impregnable defences. Hitler himself never came to visit it and see what it really was.

German War Diary
7th Army High Command
02.15. Chief of Staff informs Chiefs of Staff of Army Group B: Landings, mainly airborne and mostly in the vicinity of the 716th Inf Div. Small parts already annihilated. Admiral of the channel coasts reports ships spotted in the sea around Cherbourg. Chief of Staff is of the opinion that it is a major action.
02.40. G-3 of Army Group B reports: According to Commanding General of Group West, it is not a major action . . .

Raymond Paris
aged 20, assistant to the notary, Ste Mère-Eglise
SOME of the parachutists landed as close as four or five metres from where I stood. All the Germans who were there began to fire at the boys who were coming down. There was a parachutist who fell directly into the lime trees just by the pump and some of us helped him down and out of his harness.
At that moment I found myself in the street, ten or 15 metres from the pump, when a nearby German soldier suddenly lifted his machine gun to fire on a parachutist. I tapped him on the shoulder, saying, "Don't shoot, civilian," to distract him. The parachutist was very lucky as the German soldier did not fire. Almost immediately afterwards, another parachutist became tangled up in the trees and the Germans shot him.

Unteroffizier Rudi Escher
aged 23, 1058 Infantry Regiment, 91st Airlanding Division
WHEN we got back to the village, it was obvious the invasion had begun. More planes were coming over and parachutists were dropping everywhere — one was hanging from the church spire, even though there were two guards still up there. There was nothing they could do about him because their weapons were in their sleeping quarters below.
There was by now quite a bit of shooting and while we were standing by the church wondering what to do, one of our men fell down dead, shot through the heart. After this, we decided to return to our unit. There were only about six of us and there was very little we could do. Leaving our dead comrade behind, we retrieved our bicycles, which were stored in a barn, and cycled back to our unit, one behind the other, each of us frightened of being shot.

Obergefreite Heinrich Severloh
aged 20, 1st Battery, 352 Infantry Division
WHEN the fog finally disappeared in the early morning, there was what looked like a city out there, ship upon ship upon ship. You could not see the water between them.
As I was running from the position I was wounded, one shot in the hip, the second in the face. The bullet on the hip bone had entered through the pocket where I kept my pay book and letters. It was absolutely forbidden to carry your papers and paybook into battle, but if I hadn't, I don't think I would have survived.

Major Werner Pluskat
aged 32, 352 Artillery Regiment, 352nd Division
TO MY horror and amazement, I could clearly see the guns of the fleet being elevated as they swung slowly round to point in our direction. The shells screamed like a thousand express trains and all seemed to be converging on our position. One of the first shells hit the base of our bunker and literally shook it. I was thrown to the ground and my binoculars were smashed. There was dust, powder, dirt and splinters of concrete all over the place. The telephone kept ringing.
I picked up the phone and someone said, "Please give an exact location of where the bombs are falling." I shouted back, "For God's sake, they're falling all over. What do you expect me to do, go out and measure the holes with a ruler?"
For the French people in Normandy, the day of liberation was also a day of terror, as the massive naval bombardment battered the coast, then swarms of Allied bombers launched mass attacks on the major towns in the path of the planned Allied advance . . .

Madame d'Anselm
Asnelles
WE HAD dug a little trench in the garden, just big enough to shelter the eight of us and a couple of others. It was not very well protected. When the bombing attacks started we were in the house, but it was so bad that we had to go into the garden and take refuge in the trench, which was fortunate because parts of the house were soon smashed. One of the children climbed the garden wall to see what was happening. There was a German gun just the other side. Suddenly he shouted excitedly. "Mummy! Mummy! Look, the sea — it's black with boats!"

Severloh: wounded

Jean Deslandes
aged 14, son of the baker at Lion-sur-Mer
THROUGH the morning and midday hours we crouched in the dugout, which was little more than a tube sealed at either end with a piece of cloth. From time to time, the two ex-servicemen who guarded the two ends of the ditch would stick their heads up and report on the damage. "Madame Deslandes, your building has taken a hit."
Much later, when we were all tightly pressed together waiting for death, a complete silence fell. The two veterans understood its meaning: the infantry was about to arrive. We climbed out of the ditch just as the first commandos arrived, wearing not helmets but green berets, their faces blacked up. Seeing us, they stopped. With emphatic gestures, we warned them that the Germans were not far away. "They're waiting for you down there," we told them and we showed them the château about 40 metres away.

Pierre Cardron
aged 40, baker, Ste Marie-du-Mont
I HEARD planes, opened the window and saw paratroopers coming down. I ran upstairs to wake my wife.
At around 5.30, I went upstairs to see my son, who was in bed because he had had his tonsils taken out the day before. I looked out of the first-floor window, still wearing my white baker's hat, and saw an American parachutist pointing a gun at me.
At seven o'clock, M Le Caplin walked in. He was a guard at the railway station at Carentan and had just come off night duty. He kissed me and said, "They're here! They're here! They've landed, and if you don't believe me, here's an American cigarette."
Those of us who had relatives in town went to look for them. Mostly they found each other but Antoinette arrived at the house and threw herself into my arms. "I've lost my mother," she cried. A little while later a covered handcart arrived with the body of poor Madame Legrain. There were no more coffins to be had, so M Legrain made a coffin from wood he found around. The coffin was carried to the bottom of the garden and put into a ditch dug that very morning at the request of Madame Legrain.

● *Extracted from Nothing Less Than Victory by Russell Miller (published by Michael Joseph on October 7 at £18.99).*

TOMORROW

How the greatest Allied gamble paid off

Believe it or not, they're related.

This autumn, John Major and his cabinet colleagues will decide on the extent of Britain's overseas aid programme for 1994. Around the same time, world finance ministers will be meeting in Washington to discuss the debt crisis affecting Africa and the rest of the Third World.

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Too few of the shortlisted novels will be read, **Daniel Johnson** says

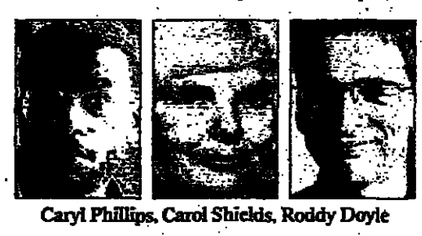
Same old story in the Booker

THE BOOKER has done it again. Few of the six novels chosen by Lord Gowrie and his panel have so far been popular with the public. Britain's leading literary prize, some will groan, is in the hands of a self-appointed elite, who only like foreigners. Actually, none of the chosen titles is inaccessible; but the laudable aim of promoting new names has, as usual, taken precedence over being fair to grandees such as Iris Murdoch.

As usual, it is hard to get a fix on the Booker shortlist. It is certainly multicultural: two Canadians (Carol Shields and Michael Ignatieff), one West Indian (Caryl Phillips), one Irishman (Roddy Doyle), one Australian (David Malouf) and one child of Hungarian parents (Tibor Fischer). Surprisingly, in this year of the Indian novel, no Chaudhuri, no Chatterjee, no Gupta.

The judges' politics have left no obvious mark on the list. Gowrie is, of course, a former Tory arts minister and a confidante of Lady Thatcher before he famously left her government because it paid so badly. A hereditary peer, he seems just the kind of bogeyman that politically correct parents would use to frighten their children. But Gowrie is also a poet and devoted to the arts. His jury has done little to upset the liberal consensus.

Roddy Doyle is the only name on the list to have the kind of bestselling potential that makes publishers' mouths water, and despite his relative youth (born in Dublin in 1958) Doyle is the only one to have been shortlisted for the Booker before. Writing in *The Times* about *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*, the Northern Irish writer David Park paid to tribute to its "instantly recognizable" style and landscape, adding that "nobody writes as effectively about working class families as Doyle". But he entered a caveat: the new book was, Park ventured, "a hedged bet, a novel of transition in content and conception".



Caryl Phillips, Carol Shields, Roddy Doyle

Tibor Fischer's *Under the Frog* is the dark horse, but undeservedly so: this picaresque comedy set, in pre-1956 Hungary, was praised by Michael Hofmann in *The Times* as "clever, humane and original . . . The style is modern rococo, but it gives expression to youth and freedom. Glorious!" A withering satire on communism, this is the sharpest of the six.

Scar Tissue by Michael Ignatieff also received a warm reception in *The Times*: Michael Wright found its slightly distressing subject-matter — the disengagement of the memory from the personality in a degenerative mental illness — to have been treated with grace and wisdom. Ignatieff, he said, is "a magnanimous writer with an exquisite talent for naturalism".

Like Ignatieff a cosmopolitan man of letters, David Malouf nonetheless returned to the Aboriginal roots of his homeland in *Remembering Babylon*. Christina Koning compared it with the late Patrick White, though she found the narrative too "slender" to support its weighty symbolism. Like others, she praised the quality of his prose.

If there is a suspicion of political bias about this list, the prosecution will cite Caryl Phillips, the only black writer on the list. *Crossing the River* is a classic Booker choice: written on a grand scale, this novel is about the price paid over many generations for the crime of slavery. James Woodall praised it for its scope and for its bold, cinematic technique.

Finally, there is Carol Shields: a Chicago-born writer, now in her sixties, who has lived in Canada for the last 35 years; her stock in Britain has risen steadily in the last decade, though only four of her six novels have been published here so far. *The Stone Diaries* — the fictional biography of a very ordinary heroine — received an almost unanimous chorus of praise from the critics. Gill Hornby, in *The Times*, positively purred: "wise, witty and warm as toast". Shields is already emerging as one of the few serious literary novelists with a universal popular appeal.

Lord Gowrie has already given notice that there will be no repetition of last year's unfortunate tie. One consolation for Vikram Seth, the unlucky faller at the first fence: *A Suitable Boy* has probably sold more copies than the six novels on this shortlist put together.

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Fish odour syndrome . . . no cure from Lorenzo's Oil . . . and the dire effects of peanuts

Why are they avoiding me?

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

FISHY-SMELLING body odours have received a certain amount of attention in the medical press recently. The *British Medical Journal* has reported on a detailed project from St Mary's Hospital, London, on the hereditary basis of the fish odour syndrome, in which the patient's urine, breath, sweat, vaginal and other bodily secretions smell of fish.

The physical causes and social consequences of this comparatively rare disease have been analysed elsewhere in the same journal by Dr Valerie Walker, a consultant in chemical pathology at Southampton Hospital. About one person in 100 carries the recessive gene which, should they have children by another carrier, may produce an affected offspring. Research shows that these children are teased and ostracised by their school mates so that they grow up isolated and withdrawn. The situation is made worse because they are unable to smell their own fishy odour, the cause of which may be unrecognised, and hence neither they nor their parents take the necessary steps to reduce its impact.

The underlying biochemical problem is that these patients fail to oxidise trimethylamine, which is formed in the gut from the breakdown of the choline and trimethylamine oxide contained in food. When properly oxidised, the odourless compound is excreted in the urine.

Treatment is dietary. Sea fish has to be excluded from the diet completely and so far as is possible the intake of choline needs to be reduced. As well as leaving fish off the menu, patients should not eat eggs and need to renounce the pleasure of choline-rich devilled kidneys or calves' liver, as well as peas and soya beans. Patients with fish odour syndrome are also advised to try to avoid sweating as assiduously as if they were a heroine in a Victorian novel. Short courses of Flagyl (metronidazole) help to suppress the gut flora, which reduces the problem.

Fish odour may be interesting to doctors, and is certainly distressing to patients, but it is rare. If there is a faint whiff of fish from somebody at a party it is far more likely that it is because either they or their sexual partners have bacterial vaginosis — a frequent cause of an irritating heavy vaginal discharge, the smell of which is very clinging. The diagnosis of the condition, previously known as non-specific vaginitis, Gardnerella, or haemophilus vaginitis, is usually suspected because of the appearance of the discharge and the inflammation it causes.

Bacterial vaginosis is common, and is frequently misdiagnosed as thrush. It is found as often if not more often in post-menopausal women as in those who are younger. It is probably not so much the result of any particular infection, but more an imbalance in the vaginal flora with a resulting excess of anaerobic bacteria.

This month Dalacin cream (clindamycin phosphate) a new product, has been licensed for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis. Previously the only effective means of control was a week's course of metronidazole tablets. Although effective, their side-effects are a disadvantage and can give rise to nausea and a metallic taste in the mouth. Furthermore, patients who take them are unable to touch a drop of alcohol.

Dalacin cream is marketed with an applicator. The treatment is simple, the cream inserted daily for seven days. Clinidmycin when taken by mouth, however, can cause diahorrea. No adverse effects to Dalacin cream in pregnancy have yet been noted but for the time being it is not recommended in the first three months.

Lorenzo's Oil: the parents hoped oleic and enuric acid would work

Oils ineffective

MANY people had hoped that the film *Lorenzo's Oil* would do for adrenomyeloneuropathy what the film about Bob Champion did for testicular cancer, but there are differences. Cancer of the testes is common, the most common tumour affecting men under the age of 45. The treatment for cancer of the testes is also of proven efficiency: the modern regime of surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy has turned what was usually a fatal disease a generation ago into one where there is a more than 90 per cent recovery rate, if the patient is in good medical hands. This would be even higher if patients reported any change in the size of their testis earlier.

Conversely, *Lorenzo's Oil* features a rare condition, a demyelinating disease of the central nervous system resulting in progressive paralysis and associated atrophy of the adrenal glands.

Although Lorenzo's parents may have had complete faith in the treatment they advocated, it was uncertain in medical circles that it would be useful. The film tells a story of the battle the dedicated parents of the affected boy had against the innate conservatism of doctors. The parents plead to have their cure, the addition of oleic and enuric acid to the boy's diet, accepted.

Hopes were raised that the dietary supplements might be an answer to a distressing condition, but now they have been dashed by reports of a trial in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In two years of treatment patients given the oils showed no benefit compared with those who were not treated — and in one case there seemed to be marked deterioration. In this case it seems the conservatism of the doctors was justified.

Perilous snack

CONFRONTED by a small bowl of peanuts served with drinks at the Reform Club I suddenly remembered that somewhere I had read that scientists from the Northwick Park Hospital, London, and Liverpool University had doubts about the effect of peanuts on the colorectal mucosa, the lining of the lower gut. I allowed my colleague to finish them.

Peanuts have never received a very good medical press. In a few people they can cause a potentially fatal allergy. Cardiologists do not approve of either the salt with which they are served, or their intrinsic fat, and in many parts of the world they can be contaminated with a deadly fungus. To the known risks, remote as they may be, there is added a new scare.

Peanuts, according to the Liverpool and Northwick Park doctors, have a remarkable effect on the cellular lining of the colon and rectum. Their work, reported in *Mims* magazine, shows the rate of cell division in the rectal epithelium of the rectal mucosa is greatly increased by the ingestion of peanuts. Thirty-six people who had had a previously normal gut lining were given 100 grams of peanuts for five days. The peanuts increased cell proliferation by 22 per cent, a worrying finding for a rapid rate of cell division has been shown to be associated with an increased risk of cancer.

How six hours in a deep freeze can vanquish the British bed bug invasion

Nigel Hawkes offers some practical advice to alleviate the symptoms caused by the common house dust mite

The common house dust mite. Few GPs are able to test for the allergies it causes because allergens for skin prick tests are not available

This week, the mighty mite has sent shivers around a million breakfast tables. The British Allergy Foundation's "Fight the Mite" campaign has brought home the size of the health problems caused by the tiny creatures that share our houses and our beds.

Asthma, eczema, and rhinitis — year-round hay fever symptoms that many people do not even realise is an allergic disease — are all believed to be caused by the mites. Yet methods of dealing with the infestation are poorly developed, and treatments that could reduce the allergic reaction are not generally available.

Modern developments in housing have made the house dust mite much more of a problem. Dr Ian Burgess, the deputy director of the Medical Entomology Centre at Cambridge University, explains that the dust mite, which lives on the scales of skin we constantly shed, needs warmth and a fairly narrow humidity range, between 70 and 85 per cent, to survive.

Modern houses, sealed against draughts, centrally-heated and far more humid than they were 25 years ago, have provided the perfect conditions. To survive, the mites depend on a steady supply of skin and the presence of fungal moulds which begin the process of digestion.

Food supply is no problem, since skin scales make up the bulk of household dust. The moulds, mostly *Aspergillus repens*, are found everywhere but, like the mites, need a damp atmosphere to survive. Their role, Dr Burgess says, appears to be to remove fats from the skin scales, making them more appetising for the mites.

Experiments at the Building Research Station have shown that reducing humidity does reduce mite numbers. The best way is to install a form of mechanical ventilation, already widely used in Scandinavia, which draws the humid air out of the house and replaces it with less humid air from the outside.

Such systems, called mechanical ventilation with heat recovery, are obviously a high-tech answer. Simpler remedies, such as dehumidifiers, are not effective, Dr Burgess says.

The mites can be killed by chemicals, but this may have little effect unless the allergens are also removed. That can be done by washing carpets, which in turn risks increasing humidity levels and providing exactly the right conditions for the mites to recolonise. "We're caught in a cleft stick," Dr Burgess admits.

Pillows are a major reservoir of mites and of their droppings, the source of the allergens that trigger disease. A pillow can harbour 2,000 mites, each producing about 20 faecal pellets a day. Dr John Maunder, the director of the Cambridge centre, has estimated that a six-year-old pillow can have one-tenth of its weight consisting of old human skin, mould, dead mites, live mites and mite dung. "Is it any wonder, when we put our children's heads down on grot like that, that some of them have respiratory problems? Our bed hygiene is appalling. Most pillows are at least a dozen years old, and most mattresses 15 years old."

> 'Is it any wonder, when we put our children's heads down on that grot, that some of them have respiratory problems?'

Dr Tony Frew, a consultant physician at Royal South Hampshire Hospital in Southampton, does have one simple remedy worth trying.

He suggests that pillows — preferably of synthetic materials rather than feathers — should be washed, dried thoroughly in the airing cupboard, then stuck in the deep freeze for six hours. Washing will remove the allergen, and the cold will kill the mites. "In Scandinavia, they hang bedding out of the window, but here it's seldom cold enough. A chest deep freeze will do the trick," he says.

Both Dr Burgess and Dr Frew believe that Britain is backward in treating allergic diseases. "There is insufficient encouragement to GPs to invest time in helping people to avoid allergies," Dr Burgess says. "It's much easier to reach for a prescription pad." The evidence is that prescriptions are not working.

Asthma, in particular, is increasing in frequency and severity, with one in ten people likely to suffer from it at some time in their lives. Severe attacks kill about 2,000 people every year. Not all of this, of course, can be blamed on the house dust mite, but 85 per cent of asthmatics are allergic to their droppings.

Very few people are actually aware of their own allergies. A survey for the British Allergy Foundation published this week shows that only one in four allergy sufferers has ever had a skin prick test to show what it is they are allergic to. The reason why so few tests are done is that unlike many countries Britain does not use desensitization therapy to treat allergies. The Committee on Safety of Medicines limited the use of the technique in 1986, after a series of adverse reactions were reported: the companies making the desensitizing injections withdrew from the market, and as they produced the allergens for the skin prick tests, these, too, largely disappeared.

Without such tests, it is impossible for patients to know if it is worthwhile, for example, to invest in mattress and pillow covers to ease allergic symptoms. Two brands are available: Interveni, sold by Boots, and Allergy Control Products, sold by Allerayde (telephone: 0636 613444).

Some doctors believe that the CSM may have overreacted in banning the therapies, which have been safely used in western Europe and the United States. "If the treatment is done properly, there is no particular danger," says Dr Frew.

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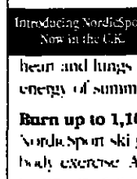

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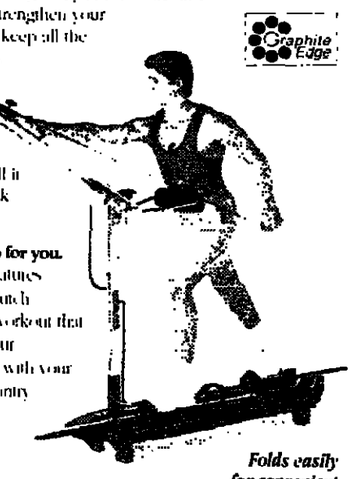

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Janet Daley

■ Why do Britons believe in charging as much as they can, rather than as little as they can afford?

As you may have noticed, the prices of some things have come down lately. The fact that you are reading these words now may be a consequence of one such event. Without entering the debate on the price reduction of *The Times*, let me make one point. We have already demonstrated a basic maxim of the market system which is neglected by most British business. If you lower your prices, it is very likely that you will *enlarge* the market for your sort of product.

This lesson seems so trite that I am embarrassed to set it out in print. And yet it seems to pass over the heads — or beneath the notice — of almost everyone involved in financial decision-making. If the market for a category of thing is static or contracting, the standard British response is to raise prices so as to maintain profit levels. Scarcely anyone seems to consider the possibility that lowering prices by cutting profit margins to the bone can do more than merely redistribute a fixed amount of custom, by actually enticing more people into a market they might otherwise not enter at all. The total number of possible customers is increased by those who might now consider, say, purchasing a quality newspaper at all, or who return to buying such a newspaper every day or perhaps more than one newspaper per day.

The market for most commodities is not set in stone: people's tastes and preferences are not immutable. They will exercise their freedom to choose when given half an economic chance, just as they can be forced to give up things that they like if they become too expensive. With every tax increase on cigarettes, the number of people smoking drops. When London restaurant prices became seriously out of line with spending power, so many people stopped eating out that a great many restaurants closed.

A simple inversion of this principle — cut prices as low as you can and people will buy more — is the prevailing philosophy in countries such as the United States, where supermarkets, for example, expect to run on profit margins of 1 or 2 per cent as opposed to the 8 per cent which is normal in Britain. In what was described as a gloomy forecast for British food retailers, Tesco predicted yesterday that the industry would be hit by "intense competition and further pressure on prices" in the coming years.

Well, one man's gloom is another's cheaper food. And in the same statement, Tesco's chairman, Sir Ian MacLaurin, reported that Tesco's sales and profits were both up as a result of — guess what — its "lower pricing" policy. Just fancy that.

The British supermarket chains have always justified their high prices on the grounds of the high building costs which are forced on them by planning regulations. But instead of using their considerable political muscle to lobby for less restriction, they opt instead for anti-competitive protectionism and actually campaign to tighten the planning regulations so that undercutting rivals are blocked. And in this, they are at one not only with most supposedly "commercial" enterprise in Britain, but with public economic philosophy as well. Instead of confronting the real problems of a hidebound, overregulated economy, private business and government find it much easier simply to charge the customer (or the taxpayer) even more.

The high street banks have been solemnly warned by this government that they must not bankrupt struggling small businesses with swingeing charges, but the banks' determination to wring out of us however much money they need to recover from their own failings of judgment is precisely analogous to the government's own policy of raising taxes to refinance itself after *its* failings of judgment. In fact, the very same formula works for taxation: lower the rates and more people will pay. Not only because they do not take so much trouble to evade taxation, but because they are more likely to feel it is worthwhile to work at all and to earn more while at work.

> How easy just to make the customer pay more

Thus, the bizarre premises on which public services are run into the ground are not so far from the ones that govern private business. Public transport raises its prices to compensate for falling revenue and — surprise, surprise — more people then find it economic to use their cars, so the use of trains drops further. And so the services are cut and the prices are raised some more, and even more people desert the railways. But then a decision to increase passenger numbers by a price-cutting policy would mean tackling the longer-term problems of transport union Spanish practices — and no one can be bothered to come to grips with those.

Charging everybody too much for everything is not even a short-term solution: it pauperises those whose spending could go much further, and it undermines the will to earn and produce more.

What a seductive rule it is: charge as much as you can get away with, rather than as little as you can afford. It's so much easier to make the customer pay more than to unravel the processes which got you into a mess.

Credit where it is due

A return to traditional banking practices would be a boost to small businesses

William Rees-Mogg

When I left *The Times* in 1981, I divided my business life into three parts. I took on quasi-governmental jobs as a governor of the BBC and (though this was not paid) as the chairman of the Arts Council: I became involved in non-executive work with large public companies; and I went into the small business field. In the 12 years since then, I have joined in six business start-ups, half of them in publishing. Of the six, two have been sold to larger companies. Four survive as independent businesses; three of these are reasonably successful and the fourth is modestly sized but does not make losses. Four of the six were American, and two British.

Like almost everyone else who becomes involved in small businesses, I have had losses as well as profits. Start-ups are vulnerable to recession in their early years. Although we foresaw the recession of 1990 and after, those were difficult years for most young businesses. Several of my friends, both in Britain and America, have been through a similar experience of small business and start-ups. I know the problems they have faced, as well as the successes some of them have had.

This has given me great sympathy for small-scale entrepreneurs. They all have to take risks, and they are bound to go through periods of anxiety. In a large business, there is usually — though not always — a longer reaction time before a problem becomes critical. And there is generally a reserve of capital. The small entrepreneur may be dealing with issues of survival from day to day. Of course the rewards of success can be considerable, but many small businessmen end up having earned no more than they might have expected as a management salary and pension. Some lose the whole of their investment.

Yet the start-up, and the small business, are part of the vitality of any economy, if only because they are essential providers of new jobs. Without small businesses, the employment prospect for Europe, including Britain, would be almost desperate. In the past two weeks, large-scale German industry has announced its intention to lay off 100,000 workers, and it is still overmanned. European unemployment is more than 10 per cent, and rising. In Spain, unemployment is more than 20 per cent. Almost all the very large businesses in Europe expect to continue to increase output while reducing their workforces over the coming years. If British unemployment is not to remain above 10 per cent for ever, or rise towards the Spanish level, small businesses, including new businesses, will have to create the jobs.

Probably it is awareness of this that has produced the new official interest in small business finance. Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, has been having private talks with the clearing banks. The Treasury has announced an official enquiry, though that has not yet started. There are of course many complaints about the banks from small businessmen, some of whom have been harshly treated during the recession, but banking has been a difficult business too: the instability of interest-rate policy over the past six years has been a problem for bankers and businessmen alike.

The recession has left scars on the confidence of both sides. Obviously banks have had to write off loans to small businesses on a huge scale. They do not want to repeat that experience. Sadly, many small businesses have come to regard bankers as problem-creaters rather than problem-solvers, as people who should be regarded as potential enemies rather than reliable friends. The banks' distrust of small business lending is now about equal to small business distrust of bank borrowing.

Part of the trouble is that banks lent too freely during the 1980s boom. Banks no doubt destroy as many small businesses by lending too much as they do by lending too little, though that is not how small businessmen always see it. In the boom years, the British banks did not go so far as the now defunct Chicago bank which fired its loan officers if they did not fill their annual lending quotas, but they did overlend: that is what creates a boom, and the boom always seems to justify it. The small businessmen were over-optimistic too, after several years of rising profits and rising asset values. They were financing the equity of their businesses with short-term callable debt; that must always be dangerous, but so long as the boom lasts, it works.

Another cause of difficulty has been the change in the culture of banking that has followed computerisation. In the good old days, which lasted until quite recently, the businessman's essential need was to maintain the confidence of his local manager, with whom he could expect to have a long-term relationship. Now the manager is far more tightly controlled by a computerised credit system. The businessman who needs to extend his facilities in time of trouble cannot talk to the mysterious credit committee which will decide his fate, cannot begin to establish a relationship of confidence. That is a two-way street. If the businessman cannot establish a relationship with the bank, the bank cannot establish a relationship with the business.

Not only do modern managers have much less discretion, they are changed more frequently and retire much younger. In the late 1980s, I was dealing on different business affairs with four London bank managers, all of whom I regarded as good bankers and as friendly but prudent advisers. All four of them have now taken early retirement in their early fifties. No doubt the banks have a problem of too many branches and overmanning, but the loss of experience is very serious; all four were well able to understand a business and form a realistic judgment about its potential. The trouble with early retirement is that a bank can lose the experience of its best people.

One part of the problem is to re-establish relationship banking. Inevitably, large companies, which do not depend on bank finance, shop around for value when they are placing their money. But small businesses do not want to shop around; they want a secure and continuing relationship which will see them through the downs as well as the ups of the trade cycle.

In Germany, that is achieved by the banks taking an equity stake in many of the companies they finance, and satisfying themselves of the capacity of the management. I am not sure that equity is the best relationship: it can obviously tie a bank to a bad business, or a business to a greedy bank. But for small businesses, something other than short-term debt finance is needed. Housing finance depends on long-term lending on fixed or floating rates. It should not be impossible to work out a similar system for small business finance. The great need is for stable lending, both in terms of the duration and the interest rate of the loan.

There is also a problem about types of security. In the 1980s, the banks overlent to small businesses against property. Much of that has proved very bad security: upward-only leases on shops or small offices could have had significant value in 1988 yet have negative value now. Private houses were often taken as security, and they too fell in value. In any case, dispossessing an unsuccessful entrepreneur is a painful thing. The best security for a business loan is the business and its future cashflow, but that is the security which is hardest to judge. If one does not actually know the businessman, one cannot judge the risks he is taking, or how reliable his forecasts are likely to be.

One result of the banks' choice of security has been to turn many small businesses into property businesses against their will. When the property market collapsed, many businesses lost the value of their collateral. Yet the property market has always been volatile, and highly responsive to changes in interest rates. This problem has been made worse by the uniform business rate, which in many cases is now higher than the market rent. Among small businessmen, the uniform business rate is resented as an unjust tax.

I think banks are beginning to work back towards a more traditional relationship with their business customers. The growth of private banking, which is avowedly relationship banking, is having an important influence. The Bank of England could well encourage fixed-interest lending by business banks which seek a corresponding long-term relationship. The medium-term, fixed-interest business mortgage would be a reasonable compromise between equity and overdraft finance, allowing proper financial planning. Good bankers help to keep small businesses out of trouble, and they are certainly needed to help them grow.

Fight for Russia's soul

Yeltsin's battle can never be over, says Anne McElvoy

For the past year and a half, Russian politics have been reminiscent of Churchill's comic-gruesome image of two bulldogs fighting under a carpet. The growling has been relentless, the scraps nasty but inconclusive. Now the combatants have wriggled free of the restraining covers of constitutionality and *pro forma* tolerance of one another's position. Boris Yeltsin and his renegade vice-president, Aleksandr Rutskoi, are going for broke.

The developments of the past two days differ from previous clashes in that all the personalities involved have crossed their respective Rubicons. Mr Yeltsin has flouted the constitution twice over by dissolving parliament and declaring that December elections will be to a wholly new two-tier legislature.

Mr Rutskoi has broken his oath of allegiance to the president, demonstrating that while he is a heavily-decorated officer, he is not a gentleman. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, has revealed the measure of his destructive streak by calling on the military to disobey Mr Yeltsin and on workers to stage a general strike. The fabric of compromise between vice-president and legislature on the one hand and president and executive on the other has been torn apart, and there is no way to stitch it together again.

These events are alarming, but hysterical prophecies of civil war are misleading. The pitifully small gaggle of mainly elderly communist demonstrators who have flocked to Moscow's White House to support Mr Rutskoi, and the lack of substantial pro-Yeltsin counter-protests, indicate that Russians are not keen to be mobilised in defence of either man.

This is not to say that bloody conflict can yet be ruled out. Much depends on the effect of the "slow burn" in the army and security forces, under pressure from Mr Rutskoi to forsake Mr Yeltsin and also on the Kremlin leader's success in staying true to his pledge yesterday to forgo force — although it is difficult to see how he could dissolve parliament without the risk of violence.

We are entitled to be concerned about the outcome of the struggle, but not to be surprised that it is taking place at this time and in this manner.

The former communist world finds itself in the doldrums of immature democracy. The emergence of the reform communists who took the largest share of the vote in the Polish elections is evidence of dissatisfaction with the social effects of economic reform. In Lithuania, the fierce nationalism of Vytautas Landsbergis has been replaced by the slower-paced pragmatism of Algirdas Brazauskas. In Azerbaijan, the old party chief and Brezhnev crony Heidar Aliyev recently returned to the helm.

Russia repeats this pattern, but being larger, more complex and powerful, its blip on the global screen is considerably more significant. Mr Yeltsin has asked Russians to accede to a revolution not only of the system but of the mind. It would be extraordinary if such a project were to proceed without crises.

Much of the reporting of events, and the responses of Western statesmen, suggest that there is now an Armageddon-style showdown between the forces of progress and reaction, an all-or-nothing fight to the death. This shorthand is inadequate for what is unfolding. Mr Rutskoi and Mr Khasbulatov are not mere ghosts in the machine, flung to the fore by fate or by Mr Yeltsin's bad management of the country. They represent a long-standing interpretation of Russia's destiny as distinct from the Western cultural tradition, as a land not only unsuited to fully fledged capitalism and participatory democracy, but superior to these aims.

Mr Rutskoi talks of the country's "sacred soil". Mr Khasbulatov of Russia as the "God-bearing state". Phony as such phrases sound coming from scheming men with an eye to the main chance, they pick up echoes from throughout Russian history — from the authoritarian rule of the Tsars to the communist experiment. Equally, Mr Yeltsin's erratic but forceful modernisation reflects the 19th-century yearning for integration into the mainstream of Western political and economic life. The two visions are powerful but irreconcilable.

I cannot count the number of people who have asked since I arrived in Moscow which way I think Russia will go. Our view of the place is dominated by an expectation that after all the quarrelling there will be a final result: a winner and a loser. But instability is in the soul of Russia. Its identity lies in a ceaseless search for national certainties which, once achieved, turn out to be transient and give rise to the next quest.

If things go well this week, the army will stand by its word and the opposition will back away from the prospect of broken heads on the street, and allow peaceful elections in December. Mr Yeltsin may emerge stronger for the test. If however he loses his grip on events, the tendency will be a return to a centralised, moribund regime in the Kremlin, with Mr Rutskoi reviewing the troops on May Day. Such is the state of today's battle for Russia: the latest but by no means the last.

Jobs for the boys

IN THE week that John Major's son James got a job with Marks & Spencer, there is good news too for the next generation of Kinnocks. Stephen Kinnock, 23, son of the former Labour leader, has also landed his first job — and in the process become the first member of his family to secure a job in Brussels.

Kinnock, who read modern languages at Cambridge before completing a masters degree in European political and administrative studies in Bruges earlier this year, has been appointed research assistant to Gary Titley, Labour MEP for Greater Manchester West.

It may be a modest beginning, but young Kinnock is ahead of his father, who despite much speculation looks no closer to the top-level EC job that was thought to await him. And ahead of his mother, Glenys, who despite being selected as the Labour candidate for a safe Welsh seat must still wait for June's European elections to book her ticket.

Titley says young Kinnock got the job because of his grasp of languages — he is fluent in French and Spanish (but speaks no Welsh) — and his sound understanding of how EC institutions work. "Of all the people I interviewed, he was the person for the job."

Kinnock sees the job as a way of using his languages, rather than as a stepping stone to greater political things. "I have no specific plans," he says from Brussels. But he is looking forward to his mother joining him. "I will probably see more of her than I did at home."

● *Spare a thought this week for TBF Printers of Nottingham, who are busy reprinting 35,000 copies of an educational supplement distributed with weekly London newspapers such as* The Barnes, Mortlake and Sheen Times *and* The Richmond and Twickenham Times. *But then a front page headlined "A Guide to Independant Schools" might have spelt trouble.*

Hotbed of cold feet?

IN HIS 90th year, A.L. Rowse, the prolific and distinguished historian, has decided it it is time to set the record straight. In particular he would like it known that All Souls, that pinnacle of Oxford academe, was not, after all, the hotbed of appeasement many believe.

In his new book, *All Souls in My Time*, published by Duckworth next month, he regrets that his 1961 book *All Souls and Appeasement* "gave people — since most people hardly read beyond a title and are certainly incapable of judging the contents — the idea that the college as such was associated with that fatally mistaken policy. This was not so."

Rowse — who says he was "always" against appeasement — admits that "a few of its leading figures in the public eye were wrong: Lord Halifax and Lord Simon, Donald Somervell and, above all, Geoffrey Dawson [then editor of *The Times*]. There was no concatention among them, it was just an accident."

He forgives the public for dubbing All Souls a bastion of appeasement — "it's ordinary human foolishness to make such a mistake" — but is less easy on *The Times*. "I remember having dinner with Randolph Churchill at the time. He brought up the shocking leader which advocated giving part of Czechoslovakia to Germany. One of his guests piped up, 'I wrote that'. Randolph was so angry he took up a knife."

Absent friends

HAVING helped to pen Paddy Ashdown's keynote address, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, the millionaire Liberal Democrat, is not hanging around to hear it. Instead the peer who helped to write both the Czech and the Lib Dem constitutions is flying to Prague — to see his old pal President Havel.

The main purpose of his visit is to attend a British Council reception for the new English College in Prague. The college intends to pass on the best of British education to young Czechs. In doing so, it aims to emulate the famous English Grammar School in Prague, which fell foul of first the the Nazis and then the communists. "As ten former pupils who were there when the school closed will attend, it will be a very emotional occasion," says Holme, who chairs the fundraising English College Foundation.

But is he not sorry to miss his leader's speech? "I think I am reasonably familiar with what he has to say. Missing it will not be quite so much of a blow for me as for other Liberal Democrats."

Immanent?

NEVER MIND the Booker shortlist: *Veritatis Splendor* is imminent. Publication may not be for two weeks, but the new Roman Catholic encyclical is already keenly sought after. The bookshop closest to Westminster Cathedral, St Paul's bookshop, has placed an initial order for 1,000 copies of the 130-page text. This, says Father Sebastian Karamveill, the shop's general manager, is only the start. "We expect to sell many more than that — possibly 4,000. It is eagerly awaited."

The Vatican's presses, however, have competition. The Catholic Truth Society is also printing copies for distribution around Britain. But its general manager, David Murphy, is cautious. "We are printing about 7,000 to start with. In 1968, when the last encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, came out, we sold about 150,000. But that was more interesting — the whole world was waiting to see whether Paul VI would allow the Pill."

● *With racism the burning conference issue in Torquay, Sir David Steel was seen rummaging around in the secondhand bookstall run by Tony Greaves, the original beard-and-sandals Liberal and long time scourge of Steel's defunct alliance. He emerged triumphant with a copy of* No Entry, *the out-of-print work on immigration control that he penned more than 20 years ago. But narcissism, even Steel's self-confessed variety, does not come cheap. "I've been trying to lay my hands on a copy for years," he says, "but I must say £7.00 is an extortionate price. It cost £2 new." Greaves's reaction was laconic: "I'm always glad to take money off him."*

CHOICE AND SPLENDOUR

The papal encyclical includes a crucial amendment

The final version of the papal encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, disclosed today in *The Times*, is a severe, morally forthright document. It will certainly not resolve the divisions in the Catholic Church and will probably compound them. Faced with the creeping influence of liberalism, permissiveness, and secularisation, the Pope has issued his flock of 800 million worshippers with a stern call for moral conformity. Yet the key amendments which have been made since the draft of the encyclical appeared suggest a shrewd awareness of the difficulties ahead.

There have been few more caustic attacks on the post-Enlightenment world-view than *Veritatis Splendor*. The encyclical is fiercely critical of the modern tendency to "exalt freedom to such an extent that it becomes an absolute" and of the "illusory freedom" of scepticism and relativism. It warns of "an alliance between democracy and ethical relativism", fuelled by the dissenting cacophony of the media. Though such strictures are commonplace in Catholic debate, they are accompanied by quite specific prohibitions in *Veritatis Splendor*.

No quarter is given to those who would moderate the Church's hostility to homosexuality, abortion and artificial contraception. Birth control by outlawed methods, for instance, is described as "intrinsically evil", an act which cannot be mitigated by circumstances. The encyclical also attacks the blurring by many modern theologians of the distinction between venial sin, which does not destroy a person's relationship with God, and mortal sin, which by its very nature blocks forgiveness. Liberal Catholics will find little to comfort them within these 120 densely-argued paragraphs.

This thunderous statement of first principles — more rigorous even then the 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which forbade contraception — will provoke a torrent of theological analysis. But its polemical core is quite clear: the authority of the *magisterium* vested in the Vicar of Christ is extended to private morality more explicitly than ever before. The Pope has served notice that he will not tolerate those who would pick and choose their doctrines and cordon off areas of their private lives from the judgment of the Church. The falcon will be made to hear the falconer.

This swing back to papal authoritarianism may provoke a schism within the Church, especially in America where opposition to Vatican dogma on the ordination of women, abortion and birth control is powerful. The ancient battle between conciliar and absolutist traditions will rage once again, with unpredictable consequences. Posterity may not look kindly upon this Pope's stubbornness.

Nonetheless, his refusal to yield to criticism has not been absolute. Unlike the draft, the final version of the encyclical does not extend papal infallibility — a word which is now conspicuous by its absence. The First Vatican Council decreed that the Pope's ability to speak unerringly is not a permanent gift but a temporary attribute divinely bestowed upon him by God only in precisely defined circumstances. In contrast, the draft of *Veritatis Splendor* threatened to extend infallibility almost indefinitely. The very notion of theological debate would have been called into question.

Though the Vatican will make little of this concession, it is a vital one. It means that future papal utterances on questions of private morality can be vigorously discussed, as they must be. Like *Humanae Vitae* and *Veritatis Splendor* itself, they will not be infallible, allowing the possibility of papal error. Believers will be forced to reconcile for themselves the conflicts between conscience and teaching, authority and private belief. None of this moderates the stern message of Pope's new encyclical. But by leaving the door ajar — however slightly — to conscientious rebellion, he has transformed a mere diktat into a moral challenge that will echo around the world.

HIDDEN LIAISONS

Paddy Ashdown should today rebut calls for electoral pacts

Simple arithmetic seems to suggest that most people in this country want a government that is not run by the Conservatives. The calculation that arrives at such a judgment — adding Labour and Liberal Democrat support in the opinion polls — is, however, not simple but simplistic. Those who argue that the opposition parties should team up in order to oust the Tories fail to recognise the complexities of the Liberal Democrat vote. Paddy Ashdown, in his speech today, should ignore the siren calls.

Liberal Democrats are accused of woolliness not only because their activists are famously fond of socks worn with open-toed sandals. They are deliberately woolly because politics dictates that they be. They appeal to two quite different constituencies: to disaffected Tories who like to give the governing party a jolt between general elections, and to left-of-centre voters who are still not prepared to vote Labour.

Their local campaigning is, therefore, tailored to the constituency they are addressing. They do have a tendency to be all things to all men, as Tory politicians so often complain. That tendency reached its apogee in Tower Hamlets, where the local Liberal Democrats sank to putting out racist leaflets, to pander to the prejudices of British National Party supporters.

Where they take seats off the Conservatives, in the south of England, Lib Dems promote themselves as the sensible, market-orientated alternative to the governing party. Where they take seats off Labour, usually in inner cities where Labour local government is run by the far left, they present themselves as the sensible, non-loony, left-wing alternative. Such is the fate of a centre party.

Most people know that the Liberal Democrats are, by instinct, a left-of-centre party. Their discussions at Torquay this week have reinforced this. Activists adopted the new policy document, *Facing up to the Future*, which is a deliberate rowing-back from their more free-market 1992 manifesto. But the insistence by their environment spokesman Simon Hughes that the party should "come off the fence" and join forces with Labour was naive.

In Mr Hughes' urban constituency of Bermondsey, a Lib-Lab pact would undoubtedly appeal. But in Newbury or Christchurch and many other southern seats, a pact announced before the election would merely confirm the Tories' taunt that a vote for the Liberals is a vote for Labour. That was their strongest card against the centre party at the last election and will undoubtedly be played again in two weeks' time in Blackpool and at every other opportunity between now and the next election.

If Mr Ashdown tied himself to Labour now, he would be swallowed up by the bigger party; the distinctiveness of the Liberal Democrats would disappear. He does not anyway need to do so. Voters have shown — at the last general election and in increasing numbers since — that they are prepared to vote tactically to oust a sitting Conservative. The result of such voting may eventually be a Lib-Lab government. But the chances of that outcome would be much reduced if Mr Ashdown were to signal it in advance.

A FALTERING ENGINE

Small businesses need a Budget for their futures

Britain's banks have been widely blamed for exacerbating the problems of small businesses during the recession. The banks, in their own defence, cite the billions of pounds they have lost in lending to small businesses. Both sides have a point. It is time to call a truce in this argument and look for constructive solutions.

This week it emerged that Eddie George, the governor of the Bank of England, had called in top executives of the big four clearing banks to discuss his worries that an improvement in the economy could be held back unless they did more to support small businesses. Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, in an article in *The Times* on August 25, came up with his own suggestions on how finance could be designed to help small enterprises weather the economic cycle.

Small businesses in Britain are far more reliant on floating-rate overdrafts than their counterparts on the Continent. In this country, 58 per cent of their finance comes from overdrafts, compared with 31 per cent in France and a mere 14 per cent in Germany. This makes them both extremely vulnerable to rises in interest rates and more subject to the whims of their bank managers. A manager can, at any time, insist that an overdraft be repaid, while he cannot call in a five or ten-year fixed-term loan.

The government has been trying to encourage banks to lend for longer and at fixed rates through its loan guarantee scheme. The banks, however, have shown some reluctance to make these loans. Many businessman do not qualify for the scheme since they have to put up all their assets as security, including the family home. Bankruptcy is hard enough to contemplate without the threat of repossession too.

Late payment is another big problem for small businesses, cited by one in five as a real threat to their survival. Businesses are owed an estimated £50 billion in overdue debt; and when customers do not pay up, firms are forced to rely more and more on their banks at time when bank lending is being cut back. For years, small business lobbies have called for a statutory right to charge interest on late payments. But the government has preferred to encourage codes of conduct, a self-regulatory approach that has so far proved ineffective.

Mr Davies proposed in his *Times* article a package of measures to improve small business finance, including tax incentives for "business angels" to replace the business expansion scheme; 100 per cent capital allowances for investment of up to £200,000; a move by the banks towards equity involvement and medium and long-term finance; and better management training for entrepreneurs. Since then these ideas have been widely debated in Whitehall and beyond. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has doubtless read the CBI's proposals. In his November Budget he can show that he has read them well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Unresolved issues in the Middle East

From the Director of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding

Sir, While this council welcomes with great hope the recent peace accord between the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the government of Israel, other regional issues are also in urgent need of resolution.

In 1967, after Israel seized the Syrian Golan Heights, approximately 120,000 Syrians — or 95 per cent of the total population there — were forced to flee from their homes. Subsequently, almost all their villages (133 out of 139) were destroyed by the Israelis. Syrian residents who remained were subjected to systematic persecution (including the confiscation of their land and water).

In addition, considerable numbers of Israeli citizens have been permitted to settle in this territory and, in 1980, Israel formally annexed the Golan Heights. This is in contravention both of United Nations resolution 242 and of the wishes of the indigenous population.

Although we hear a great deal about Israel's security needs, there is surely a case to be made for Syrian security. Mount Hermon, which Israel now controls, looks directly over the Syrian capital, Damascus.

In southern Lebanon, the situation is somewhat different. Here Israel has no claims whatsoever to explain its illegal presence, other than concerns for security. UN resolution 425 insists on immediate Israeli withdrawal. In July of this year, Israeli forces once again bombarded the villages of southern Lebanon, causing extensive loss of life and property and a mass exodus of the terrified local population.

While we are encouraged by the start that has been made at resolving the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians and give it our support, we fear that until blatantly unjust situations such as Israel's illegal occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights and southern Lebanon are ended, there can be no deep and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Yours faithfully,
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Goring and Equity

From the General Secretary of Equity

Sir, Julia Llewellyn Smith, in her interview with Marius Goring ("An old trouper who fights for the truth", September 15), states that "Equity still forbids its members from visiting South Africa". This is not true. Equity has no authority nor does it seek to "forbid" its members from working in South Africa. All that we do is to advise members that if they accept engagements there the union may not be able fully to protect them.

The suggestion that Mr Goring is battling with "the ultra-left wing of the acting union" on this issue is equally inaccurate. Mr Goring has challenged some of our policy decisions, which include a ban on sales of television and radio programmes to South Africa, taken by referendum of the union's 45,000 membership. The Equity Council, the union's elected governing body, is obliged to abide by the results of such referendums.

The union is about to put these policies back to the membership in a further ballot within the next few weeks. I very much hope that Mr Goring will be prepared to accept the members' decision, whatever the outcome, and drop his legal challenge.

Incidentally, and perhaps ironically, Mr Goring was one of the members of the union most responsible for ensuring that referendum decisions were paramount within the union's constitution.

Yours sincerely,
IAN McGARRY,
General Secretary, Equity,
Guild House,
Upper St Martin's Lane, WC2.

Drinking sensibly

From Mr Eric Appleby

Sir, Dr John Rae's letter (September 13) betrays muddled thinking. The grants programme operated by Alcohol Concern is a one-off £6 million spread over five years, not an annual figure. That money enables local voluntary organisations to enter into partnerships with the NHS and local authorities to help people with drink problems and also their friends and families who may be suffering the consequences.

Much of the help is information or advice which prevents a small problem turning into a large one and fulfils exactly the sort of educational function that Dr Rae appears to want. The vast majority of alcohol-related harm is caused, because there are so many of them, by people who drink moderately but on occasions take things to excess. Reducing the number of heavy drinkers is part, but by no means all, of the answer.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC APPLEBY
(Director), Alcohol Concern,
275 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

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Major at the helm: misgivings in the Tory heartlands

From Mrs Christina Speight

Sir, The area chairmen of the National Union of Conservative Associations, led by their president, Dame Wendy Mitchell (letter, September 22), are living in an unreal world. I recently wrote to nearly 200 constituency chairmen all over the country setting out my understanding of Conservative principles and the dangers to the country and the party of abandoning them.

I have been saddened, but not astonished, by the bewilderment and sense of betrayal that responses to my approach show. Today, for example, a chairman writes: "[ministers] only listen to those who are out of touch with reality and say what they want to hear." He continued that he expected to recruit no new members this year as he "had enough trouble keeping" those he already had.

Ministers, and the area chairmen, seem to persist in thinking that recovery in the economy will do the trick. It won't, because although floating voters may return to the fold, the outraged core of the party appear to me to be in revolt at what they see as the betrayal of everything they believed the party stood for.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA SPEIGHT,
20 Ramillies Road, W4.
September 22.

From Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East (Conservative)

Sir, While most Conservatives will applaud the loyalty and commitment of the hard-working voluntary office-bearers of the National Union of Conservative Associations, I believe that the argument they advance on the economy is not the strongest weapon they could use.

To argue, as they do, that the UK is poised to be the fastest-growing economy in the EC carries little weight when the EC is awash with unemployment, industrial decline and uncompetitiveness — largely as a result of the high-cost, protectionist, socialist and wasteful policies of this absurd organisation.

Many would argue that Britain's leadership of the sorry band of 12 is because we were fortunate enough to be the first to be ejected from the nonsensical fixed exchange-rate policy, which Maastricht will shortly oblige us to seek to rejoin.

Our loyal band of office-bearers should beware of advancing arguments which might be interpreted by our critics as barmy.

Yours sincerely,
TEDDY TAYLOR,
House of Commons.
September 22.

From Mr Andrew K. Smith

Sir, Few grassroots Tory activists will be impressed by the mob of gong-crazy party officers dragooned in to endorse Dame Wendy Mitchell's ridiculous letter of support for John Major.

In the course of 23 years' solid work for the party, during which I held senior office at both constituency and area level, I cannot recall any period of total demoralisation comparable to the situation we now face.

The Tory party is a geriatric organisation, now in an advanced state of decline. Can all this be blamed on Major? Of course not, for the man himself is but a symptom of the decay of the party that produced him.

Yours faithfully,
A. K. SMITH,
Flat 6, 93 Cowcross Street, EC1.
September 22.

From Mr Louis FitzGibbon

Sir, Both John Gummer and Gillian Shephard spoke up yesterday for the prime minister, and their sentiments are echoed today by Peter Brookes's cruel cartoon, an apologia by Lord Wyatt and your second leading article, "Sounds of stirring". But these small salvoes amount to no more than the sound of pistol fire, and they last only an instant.

What is wanted is a broadside from a said-to-be loyal Cabinet, sending out a reverberating roar through a joint statement to this effect: "None of us would accept the premiership if offered or wish to serve any other prime minister than John Major in the foreseeable future."

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS FitzGIBBON,
8 Portland Place,
Brighton, East Sussex.
September 21.

From Mr. W. E. Abbotts

Sir, An exporting manufacturer should cut costs and seek the best value, so I cancelled *The Guardian* while continuing with the 30p *Times*. Price was a symbol and catalyst in this decision, but more importantly I no longer know what *The Guardian* is guarding, while your own attacks on government are precisely on target.

However, your John Major/Piglet comparison ("Pay corner", leading article, September 15) is clearly libellous. Piglet listens. Piglet is cuddly. Piglet is a friend. Had you met John Major, or discussed with him, as I did, how four million manufacturers cannot pay for 11 million pensioners and three million benefit Giros you would never, never make such an odious comparison.

Piglet he is not; it was Dickens, not A. A. Milne, who described this Cabinet: Virginia Bottomley as Mrs Bumble, skimping and shaving, Kenneth Clarke as Mr Micawber, cheerfully waiting for things to turn up, and John Major perfect as that disastrous, 'umble character, Uriah Heep.

Yours sincerely,
BILL ABBOTTS
(Managing Director),
Abbott (UK) Ltd,
Mortimers Lane, Foxton, Cambridge.

From Mr R. E. Manley

Sir, A propos Philip Howard's analysis of the prime minister's description of some of his colleagues ("Mr Major and his metaphors", September 22): if the Conservative party were to hold a leadership election this autumn, would the loser be described as "a few seats short of a majority"?

Yours faithfully,
R. E. MANLEY,
78 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.

Lessons to be learnt from Millwall by-election result

From the General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union

Sir, Further to your report (later editions, September 22) of my call for candidates of all democratic political parties to endorse a declaration against racism in future elections at all levels, I should like to explain why I believe such a move to be necessary.

If we are to defend our democratic values, I believe that we all have a responsibility to speak out before racism wins legitimacy at the ballot box, rather than waiting until afterwards. It is no use taking a stand after the votes have been counted. In future, every candidate of a major political party should go into the election clearly and publicly committed to opposing racism, leaving no ambiguities in the public mind.

I have written to the leaders of all our democratic political parties, asking them to agree to the drawing up of such a declaration. A positive response from them will avoid future situations where the major parties appear to pander to prejudice, as is alleged with regard to the Liberal Democrats in Millwall, and help to restore confidence to the tens of thousands of our citizens unnerved by the Millwall campaign and its result.

Yours sincerely,
BILL MORRIS,
General Secretary,
Transport and General Workers' Union,
Transport House,
Smith Square, Westminster, SW1.
September 22.

From Mr P. F. Burrows

Sir, Comment on the Millwall by-election has largely come from those who were not there. May one who was eligible to vote but did not — a decision which, in spite of the result, I still regard as correct in view of the main candidates attacking one another instead of addressing local issues — add two points.

First, the perniciousness of our electoral system extends beyond the simple point of proportional representation made by Mr Fee (letter, September 21). At the next local elections those who live in Millwall and wish to maximise the chance of Tower Hamlets remaining under Liberal control will have a powerful incentive to vote for the British National Party; such is the unacceptable face of "tactical voting".

Secondly, if the main parties are as dismayed by the result as they profess to be, then the remedy lies in their own hands. There are three local government seats in the Millwall ward: let the three main parties jointly announce that they will each field only one candidate at the next local election. The moderate majority will do the rest.

Yours in hope, but not in expectation,
PETER BURROWS,
89 Saundersness Road, E14.
September 21.

From Mr Glyn Weare

Sir, How right your correspondent John Goulandris (letter, September 21) is in calling for deeds not words. The people who voted in the BNP in Millwall are of the same stock that saw off Oswald Mosley and Hitler. What they want is a fair deal and successive governments, Labour and Tory, have failed to deliver.

The extreme factions of right and left are adept at confusing the main issues for their own ends, but the facts remain constant. The indigenous population want somewhere warm and dry to live, to educate their children and to go about their business in safety. This applies to black and white anywhere in the country.

Is it racist to object when council houses are given to new arrivals? Is it racist to object when children's education suffers because of language problems? Is it racist to expect the police and the courts to lock up muggers, burglars and con-men whatever their colour?

These problems exist now in most inner cities and unless they are addressed with positive action things will get much worse and the extremists will prosper.

Yours ever,
GLYN WEARE,
19 Linton Gardens, Beckton, E6.
September 21.

From Mr Louis Heren

Sir, As a former East Ender, may I remind Paul Barker ("How the East End breeds extremism", September 18) that the thousands who stopped Mosley and his fascist thugs at the "so-called Battle of Cable Street" were mainly ordinary East Enders. This surely proved that the East End was not "the heartland of British fascism".

Oswald Mosley and Major W. Evans-Gordon, MP, were not born there; nor for that matter were the vast proportion of Britons attracted to Hitler. They came from the more salubrious areas of the country, some from the best addresses.

Mosley made the East End his focus for the simple reason that he believed unemployment and poverty breed extremism. They often do. Politicians and you, Sir, should take note.

Yours etc,
LOUIS HEREN,
Fleet House, Vale of Health, NW3.
September 18.

From Mr Jonathan P. Butler

Sir, Instead of constantly suggesting that the voters of Millwall could be influenced by the respective party propaganda put out, cannot the three main political parties accept that the voters actually wanted a BNP councillor? They were clearly unhappy with the previous situation and wanted to reject the unpopular Liberal policies.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN PIERS BUTLER,
Flat E, Mulberry Court,
2 Highbury Hill, Islington, N5.
September 5.

TV news quality

From the Chief Executive of ITN

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's opinion of a decline in ITN ("Wallpaper evenings on the small screen", September 20) has no basis in fact. In all the key measures of a news organisation's strength we are more than a match for the BBC.

1. Ratings: *News at Ten* is Britain's most popular television news programme — consistently ahead of the BBC *Six O'Clock News* and *Nine O'Clock News*.

2. Reputation: public opinion research, for example by NOP and the Independent Television Commission last year, showed ITN and the BBC neck and neck in credibility and influence, with ITN seen as more independent of government influence.

3. Exclusives: ITN reporters have consistently come up with major exclusive stories, from the discovery of the Bosnian camps to having the only television correspondent in Baghdad during the recent US air attack.

4. Analysis: *Channel 4 News* is accepted as the front-runner among analytical news programmes. Its interviews are regularly front-page news in the quality press, including *The Times*.

5. Awards: ITN has won 24 domestic and international awards so far this year. Our discovery of the Serbian camps won us our third Bafta News Award in successive years. ITN has also just become the first British news organisation to beat the American news on its home ground by winning two of America's top awards, the Emmys.

I may only recently have taken over as chief executive of ITN but my years at *The Economist* taught me to recognise a brand-leader when I see one.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GORDON,
Chief Executive,
Independent Television News Ltd,
200 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
September 20.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Getting on now

From Dr Roy Davies

Sir, When I ask the age of a patient of "middle age", he replies that he is 59 or sometimes says: "I'll be 60 in December." The same question addressed to a patient who is "getting on" (letters, September 7, 10, 14, 20) will normally elicit the response, "I am 82½ now", or even, "I am 82½ in three weeks and hoping to make it to 83". This begins again in the eighth decade, having ended in the first.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
ROY DAVIES,
19 Wimpole Street, W1.

From Mr J. W. Musselwhite

Sir, I can sympathise with Mr Paul Wapshott (letter, September 20) in his observation concerning rugby props' names (Darren, Wayne, etc). I got out when those same players started putting their gold earrings into the dressing room valuables bag.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN W. MUSSELWHITE,
55 Bredero Drive, Raymoir Rise,
Banchory, Kincardineshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 22: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 22: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the "United in Drug Prevention" Fair, St James's Park, Newcastle, and was received by Colonel John Dowdeswell (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited St Benedict's Hospice, Havelock Hospital, Hylton Road, Sunderland.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 22: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Tideo Croft Limited, Lower Charlton Trading Estate, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Somerset (Colonel Sir Walter Luttrell).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Mulberry Company (Design) Limited, the Rookery, Chilcompton and later visited Cuprinol Limited, Adderwell, Frome, Somerset.

Captain Alex Tetley, Scots Guards was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Douglas Steam Railway Station, Douglas, and later visited the Edwardian Railway Station, Port Erin, Isle of Man, and was met on arrival by the Lieutenant Governor for the Isle of Man (His Excellency Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended a luncheon for the Manx Community Housing Trust at Billown Mansion House, Ballasalla, and as Patron, visited the Island Branch of the Samaritans, Ronaldsway Airport, Isle of Man.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
September 22: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, attended by the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening from France.

Memorial services

Dame Elisabeth Frink, CH

A memorial service for Dame Elisabeth Frink, CH, was held on Tuesday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated and the Rev Michael Seed read the lesson. Mr Giles Conway-Gordon read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and the Hon Paul Zuckerman also gave a reading. Mr Bryan Robertson and Mr Brian Phelan gave addresses. Canon Paul Oestreicher led the prayers. Mr Martin Best sang *Lancan Li Jorn* by Jauffre Rudel de Blaye and Mr Julian Bream, guitar, played J.S. Bach's *Adagio and Fugue BWV 1001*. Among those present were:

Mrs Jean Frink (mother), Mr and Mrs Lin Jammet (son and daughter-in-law), Tully Jammet (grandson), Mr Mick Csásky and Mr John Csásky (stepsons), Mrs Elizabeth Flood (sister-in-law), Miss Talssa Csásky, Mrs Giles Conway-Gordon, Miss Josie Jammet.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, the Countess of Avon, the Bishop of Sherborne, Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lord and Lady Rayne, Sir Anthony Weldon, Sir John Riddell, Sir Joshua Rowley, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir Edward and the Hon Lady Cazalet, Sir Denis and Lady Henry, Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Rice, Sir Raymond and Lady Hoffenberg, Sir Antony and Lady Acland, Lady Rumbold, Sir Philip Dowson, Lady Hornby, Sir Alan Bowness (director, Henry Moore Foundation), Sir Denys and Lady Lasdun, Sir Anthony and Lady Caro, Lady Moser, Sir John Tooley, Sir George and Lady Pinker, Sir Roger de Grey (principal, Royal Academy) and Lady de Grey with Mr Piers Rodgers (secretary); Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Lady Kingman, Sir Philip Powell, CH, Mr David and the Hon Mrs Blacker, Mr and the Hon Mrs Julian Cotterell.

Mr and Mrs Eric Newby, Mr Craigie Aitchison, Mr and Mrs Hilary Rubinstein, Miss Jean Muir, Mr and Mrs Charles Wintour, Mr Leonard Manasseh, Mr Sidney Hutchison, Mrs Laurie Lee, Miss Drusilla Beyfus, Mr and Mrs Peter Bowles, Mrs Margaret Bream, Mr Geoffrey Dempsey, Mrs John Piper, Mrs Humphrey Brooke, the Dean of Liverpool, Mrs Joanna Seal, Miss Floella Benjamin.

Dr Judith Collins (Tate Gallery), Mr Sherban Cantacuzino (Royal Fine Art Commission), Dr Peter Mathias (master, Downing College, Cambridge), Professor Michael Jaffé and Mrs Jaffé (Newnham College, Cambridge), Mrs Catherine Porteous (Friends of Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge), Miss Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith (principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford), Mr Nicholas Baker, MP (a Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury), Mr Peter Denton (Zoological Society of London), Mr Hugh Campbell (British Museum Publications), Mr Laurence Keen (British Archaeological Association), Mr Michael Preston (International Institute of Design, India), Mr Ian Provis (Strickland Craft Guild), Mr Roger Peers (Dorset County Museum), Mr Michael Gaskin (Art Bonds Foundry), Miss June Stubbs (Thorney Island Society), Mr Rodney Merrington (Thomas Agnew and Sons) and Mrs Jackie Downing (Arts Club).

Mr Alfredo Ricart

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State were represented by Mr Anthony Figgis at a memorial service for Mr Alfred Ricart held yesterday at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road. Canon Christopher Colven officiated. Mr John W. Keffer, Mr Bruce G. Streather, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, and Dr Max Schnellmann, Vice-Chairman of the International Sugar Council, also representing the Swiss Ambassador, gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Rafael Bonnelly (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs Espaillat Lourdes; the High Commissioner for Guyana, Mrs A J Magnott (representing the Jamaican High Commissioner), Señor Pepe Díaz Mirabal (representing the Cuban Ambassador), Mr P de Jong (representing The Netherlands Ambassador), the Earl of Limerick (chairman, De La Rue), Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, Viscount Chelsea, the Hon Sir Eustace Gibbs, Lieutenant-General Sir John and Lady Richards, Prince Alexander Galitzine.

Mrs Jane de Wardiner (Dominican Republic High Consul), Mlle Brigitte Permain (representing the Agricultural Counsellor, Belgian Embassy), Shri Atma Singh (Indian High Commission), Mrs Wilawan Ritruechai (Thai Embassy), Mr Kozo Konishi (Embassy of Japan), M Xavier Audran (French Embassy), Signor Michele Schiavone (Italian Embassy), Mr Robert Windsor (American Embassy), Mrs Angela Milano (Ministry of Agriculture, Italy).

Mrs A M Blackburn (head of sugar division, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Mr Gordon Baker (head of West Indian and Atlantic department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Mr A C Hannah (head economist, International Sugar Organisation), Mr D G Amstutz (International Wheat Council), Mr A Beltrao (International Coffee Organisation) and Mrs Beltrao, Mr Aidan Buchholz (South Africa Sugar Industry), Mr Jimmy Small (Swaziland Sugar Association), Mr S Mathora (Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome), Miss M Hutchison (Canning House), Mr Richard Shirtcliff (Comfin Trading), Mr Douglas Learmond and Mr David Axtell (Reuters), Mr Michael Stone (E D and F Man).

Mr George Cansdale

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr George Cansdale was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. Prebendary Richard Bewes officiated and the Rev John Beckham led the prayers. Mr David Cansdale and Mr Richard Cansdale, sons, read the lessons. Miss Biddy Baxter and the Rev Dr John Stott gave addresses.

Mr Ian Bell, former British Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Mrs Bell regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for Mr Alfredo Ricart, on September 22, owing to their absence in France.

Rare tree's decline mirrors changes in agriculture

Wood that powered Britain's crossbows is now in retreat

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

THE first modern survey of one of Britain's rarest and most romantic trees has confirmed that the Wild Service Tree *is in retreat across the* Britsh Isles.

The tree, once prized by archers as an ideal wood for crossbows and by local people for its magic and medicinal qualities, has fallen prey to changes in forestry and agricultural practices. It is also suffering from the effects of a sharp increase in the numbers of vole and mice which eat its fruit and seeds.

Patrick Roper of the Botanical Society of the British Isles, who coordinated the 20 years of research, said yesterday that the damage from small *birds, mice and voles* was linked to the fall in the number of birds of prey and other predators such as the lynx and wild boar.

"It means nearly all the seeds are eaten and digested before they have a chance to germinate ... an extraordinary number of mice were once killed in forests by boars trampling on them," he said.

The decline of the tree, which sports jagged maple-like leaves, hawthorn-like flowers and brown edible fruit ideal for wine-making and jam, also mirrors the fortunes of Britain's ancient woodlands which have been in decline this century under the pressures of agriculture and urbanisation. It is now almost exclusively found in ancient woodland sites. For example in Hertfordshire, where records from a century *ago indicated that the tree was* commonplace, development pressures "have clobbered it," said Mr Roper, who is based at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, south east London.

In Lancashire, where some soil conditions are ideal, service trees *have all but disappeared.* Such areas include Knot's Hole near Liverpool and from Cheshire up to Morecambe Bay.

Indeed the survey, based on 1,000 reports from local wildlife groups, farmers and foresters, has revealed as much *about the distribution of the* relics of Britain's once extensive ancient woodlands and hedgerows as it has about the decline of the service tree.

Mr Roper said yesterday that the survey could help local and national conservation groups to plan better a conservation strategy for ancient woodlands.

The survey also indicates places where a re-planting strategy for the Wild Service Tree, *Sorbus torminalis*, might be best targeted, based on the distribution of clay and hard limestone soils.

The tree is still found in the New Forest but is almost extinct west of there despite ideal soil types extending for a considerable distance.

The survey, details of which are published in the society's journal *Watsonia*, has pinpointed 75 sites where the tree can be found. *In some place,* such as the Kentish Weald where it is known as the Chequer tree, two or three trees are found on every acre of woodland. In other places only a single example remains.

News of the survey comes with a report in the journal *Nature* indicating that existing conservation strategies may be failing some of Britain's rarest plant and animal species. This is the first detailed *study of* so-called hotspots which are often made into protected areas because they harbour a wide range of species.

The study, carried out by Imperial College's centre for population biology and the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology's biological *records* centre, shows that by focusing on hotspot species biologists may be missing other sites harbouring rarer and more threatened species.

John Prendergast, a member of the team, highlighted the dilemma with a 10 kilometre square area of Surrey in the Boxhill-Dorking area. This harbours 44 of the 56 British breeding species of butterfly. But the site has no example of Mountain Ringlet, *Northern Brown* Argus or Heath Fritillary.

"People who do surveys go to species-rich sites but these are not always the ones with the rarest species the research shows." Mr Prendergast said.

Some conservationists believe that if sites, such as *those found on* the Suffolk coast, are excellent for, say, birds they will also be quality sites for insects and plants.

The research challenges this view. Dr Philip Heads, a member of the team, said: "Hotspots for different types of organisms do not often coincide so that areas rich in birds for example may be relatively poor for dragonflies".

DISTRIBUTION OF THE WILD SERVICE TREE

The Wild Service Tree: from Gerard's *Herbal or Generall Historie of Plantes*, published in 1597, which praises the berries' power to "stay all manner of fluxes of the belly; as also vomiting"

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.R. Blake and Miss S.J. Ramus

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Blake, of Yeoford, Devon, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Anthony Ramus, of Bodicote, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.V.E. Butler and Miss K.E. Sharp

The engagement is announced between Christian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Butler, of Kirndean, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire, and Karen, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Clark Sharp, of Barnton, Edinburgh.

Mr E.C. Devenport and Miss E.L. Barnett

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mrs Mary Devenport and the late Mr Martyn Devenport, of Gorey, Jersey, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Barnett, of Mont au Pretre, Jersey.

Mr M.N. Hannah and Miss B.L. Renshaw

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Hannah, of Bramcote, Nottingham, and Belinda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Renshaw, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.W. Johnson and Miss C.M. Dossor

The engagement is announced between Ross, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Johnson, of Wark, Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland, and Clare, daughter of The Reverend Haley and Mrs Dossor, of Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Mr P.D. Newman and Miss C.L. Sack

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of the late Mr Tony Newman and of Mrs Ann Newman, of St Pedro Di Alcantara, Spain, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Sack, of Froxfield, Hampshire, and Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr Q. Peacock and Miss C.J. Ladbrook

The engagement is announced between Quentin, son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Peacock, of Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Charlotte Jane, daughter of Mr R.J. Ladbrook and Mrs T.G.W. Pettigrew and stepdaughter of Mr T.G.W. Pettigrew, of Walton on Thames, Surrey.

Mr S.J. Phillips and Miss C.H. Hamilton

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Lieutenant-Commander J.G. Phillips, RN, retd, and Mrs Phillips, of Wallington, Surrey, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hamilton, of London, SW6.

Mr R.J. Lumley and Miss L.V.S. Duckworth

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Lumley, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Duckworth, of Bleasdale, Lancashire.

Mr C. Millard-Beer and Miss S.C.W. Barber

Both families are pleased to announce the engagement between Charles Millard-Beer, of St John, Jersey, and Sophie Barber, of Torrington, Devon.

Mr J.A. Phelps and Miss K.T. Barlow

The engagement is announced between John Ashby, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Christopher Phelps, of Oxford, and Katherine Teresa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Barlow, of Hook Norton, Oxfordshire.

Mr A.K. Rosenheim and Miss C.L. Howell

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Professors Edward and Margaret Rosenheim, of Chicago, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Howell, of Burfield Hall, Wymondham, Norfolk.

Mr N.J. Syson and Miss A. Friedman

The engagement is announced between Nicholas James, only son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Syson, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Alicia, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs L.H. Friedman, of Chelsea, London.

Mr C. Treat and Miss A. Rogers

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Treat, of Yakima, Washington, USA, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Rogers, of Pitton, Salisbury.

Marriage

Mr C.D. Lloyd and Miss G.M. Hurley

The marriage took place on Saturday, *September* 18, at St Saviours, Totland, Isle of Wight, of Mr Colin Lloyd, son of Mr Peter Lloyd, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Mrs Joy Lloyd, of Hoylake, the Wirral, to Miss Geraldine Mary Hurley, daughter of the late Dr Gerald Hurley and of Mrs Hurley, of Landguard, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother and was attended by Miss Antonia Lloyd and Miss Natasha Creagh. Mr Rufus Gilday was best man.

The reception was held at the Royal Yacht Squadron, the Castle, Cowes, Isle of Wight and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Royal College of Radiologists

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists held yesterday at the University of Warwick, the following Officers were elected:

President, Dr C.H. Paine (Oxford); Treasurer, Dr M.J. Brindle (Kings Lynn); Vice President and Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr J.A. Bullimore (Bristol); Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr J.E. Adams (Manchester); Warden of the Fellowship and Warden of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr C.D.R. Flower (Cambridge); Warden of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr R.G.B. Evans (Newcastle); Registrar of the College and Registrar of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr R.D.H. Ryall (Southampton); Registrar of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr I. Watt (Bristol); Editor of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor P. Armstrong (London); Editor of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr T. Preistman (Wolverhampton).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustus, Roman emperor 27 BC-AD 14, Rome, 63 BC; Jeremy Collier, writer, Stow Qui, Cambridgeshire, 1650; William Archer, journalist and dramatic critic, Perth, Scotland, 1856; Baroness Emmuska Orczy, novelist, Tara-Ors, Hungary, 1865; Walter Pidgeon, film actor, East St John, Canada, 1897; Paul Delvaux, surrealist painter, Belgium, 1897; Aldo Moro, 5 times Prime Minister of Italy, Maglie, Lecce, 1916.

DEATHS: Robert Dodsley, poet and dramatist, Durham, 1764; Richard Bonington, landscape painter, London, 1828; Prosper Mérimée, novelist, Cannes, 1870; Urbain Le Verrier, astronomer, Paris, 1877; Wilkie Collins, novelist, London, 1889; Eliza Cook, poet, Wimbledon, 1889; John Morley, Viscount Morley of Blackburn, statesman and writer, London, 1923; Sigmund Freud, psychoanalyst, London, 1939; Pablo Neruda, poet, Nobel laureate 1971, Santiago, 1973.

The George Cross was instituted for civilian acts of courage, 1940. Juan Peron was re-elected president of Argentina, 1973.

Birthdays today

Mr Gerald Balding, racehorse trainer, 57; Mr Ray Charles, singer, 63; Baroness David, 80; the Duke of Fife, 64; Mr J.E.A.R. Guinness, former deputy-chairman, Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association, 69; Sir Gordon Hadow, colonial administrator, 85; Mr Richard Lambert, editor, *The Financial Times*, 49; Sir Henry Lintott, diplomat, 85; Dr B.B. Lloyd, former chairman, Health Education Council, 73; Mr Charles Lloyd, former headmaster, *Dulwich College*, 78; Mrs Genista McIntosh, executive director, Royal National Theatre, 47; Mr Mickey Rooney, actor, 73; Mr Bruce Springsteen, rock singer, 44; Miss Marianne Straub, textile designer, 84; Major-General D.E.B. Talbot, 85; Admiral Sir John Treacher, 69.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will open the new Warner West End cinema at Leicester Square at 7.45 and afterwards, as Patron of the Tushinskaya Children's Hospital Trust, will attend the premiere of *The Fugitive*.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of Tenovus, will attend a luncheon at Cardiff City Hall at 12.30 to launch *the society's golden jubilee celebrations*; and will visit the Tenovus research centre at the College of Medicine, University of Wales, at 2.45.

School news

Leeds Grammar School

Term commenced on September 8. The Head of School is Toby Castle, his Deputy is Simon Graham and the Captain of Rugby is Oliver Robertson. The Old Leodiensian Association's Dinners will be held in Leeds on October 9 and in London on March 18, 1994. Open Morning will be held on Saturday, October 9 from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Latest wills

Lord Solly **Zuckerman**, of Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, chief scientific adviser to the government 1964-71, left estate valued at £999,333 net.

He left £100,000 to the University of East Anglia; £500 to the Parish *Council of Burnham Thorpe for the* parish hall; other bequests of effects and personal legacies, and the residue on trust for his wife for life and then £600,000 (or two-thirds of the residue, whichever be greater) to the University of East Anglia, for two research studentships, and the remainder of his estate to other relatives.

Professor Muriel Clara **Bradbrook**, of Cambridge, Professor of English at Cambridge *University 1965-76 and Mistress of* Girton College 1968-76, left estate valued at £705,250.

She left £10,500 and effects to personal legatees; all her copyrights and royalties, her bookcases, library of books and all her letters, papers, manuscripts, diaries and other writings to Girton College; £1,000 to Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge; and 25 per cent of the residue to Girton College; and the remainder of her estate on trust for her brother Samuel J Bradbrook for life and then *to Girton College absolutely.*

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Kathleen Marianne **Lawson**, of Crosthwaite, Kendal, Cumbria .... £894,238.

Mr Thomas Geoffrey **Lea**, of Hinstock, Market Drayton, Shropshire .... £834,688.

Mrs Jean Edith Bradly **Pike**, of Bentley, Hampshire .... £877,400.

Margaret Joy **Ramsden**, of Seaford, East Sussex .... £1,263,651.

John Cary **Arnold**, of East Peckham, Kent £1,083,201

John Henry **Brown**, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire ... £1,086,392

Mrs Marja Broma **Gildesgame**, of London NW8 .... £1,732,662

James **Green**, of Shepton Mallet, Somerset £518,310

Mrs Mary Winn **Henderson**, of Winchelsea, East Sussex. £856,065

Mrs Venie Edna **McConnell**, of Kenley, Surrey £982,414

Mrs Hilda Mary **Stewart**, of Prestatyn, Clwyd £732,402

Peter **Townsend**, of Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester £634,804

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Dinner

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BRISTON - On September 20th, to Kate (née Chapman) and Simon, a son, Guy Peter.

BURROWS - On September 16th, to Judith (née Allingham) and Ian, a son, William Guy, a brother for Henry.

EMANUEL - On September 16th, to Linda (née Woods) and Mark, a son, Peter Thomas Wolff, a brother for Helen.

GILDING - On September 3rd, to Sally (née Lillie) and Andy, a son, Felix Frederick.

HASSALL - On September 20th, to Julie and John, a daughter, Freya Frances Victoria, a sister for James.

MAXWELL - On September 3rd 1993 to Peggy (née Hughes) and Patrick, twin sons, Thomas Edward and Finbar Robert, brothers for Poppy.

MEAD - On 17th September to Fiona (née Austin) and David, a son Charles David James, a brother for Georgina.

ROOTS - On 19th September at Norwich, to Carolyn (née Craig) and Julian, a daughter, Alexandra, a sister for Eleanor.

SEWELL - On September 21st, to Mary and Mark, a daughter, Lucinda Charlotte Anne.

DEATHS

CARLISLE - On September 18th 1993, Anthony (formerly of the Bank of England), dearly loved brother, father, grandfather, uncle and cousin. Funeral Friday 1st October 11.30am, St Philip's, Earl's Court Road. Family flowers only and donations to charity of your choice.

COX - On September 22nd 1993, peacefully in hospital, Frances Emily Cox. Flowers and enquiries re funeral arrangements to Camp Hopson & Chivers, Funeral Directors, Newbury, (0635) 522210.

CROUCH - On September 18th, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, Ernestine Charlotte Pamela, aged 83. Dearly loved by her relatives and friends. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Bridgnorth, on Tuesday 28th September at 12 noon. Flowers and all enquiries to Perry & Phillips F/D, 4 Underhill Street, Bridgnorth, tel: (0746) 765255.

DAVISON - On September 21st, peacefully, Major Thomas Arthur Davison R.A. (retd) aged 76. Beloved husband of Mary, father of Sonia and Robin. Service Great Bedwyn Church, 12 noon Tuesday September 28th. Please no flowers.

DUKE - On September 20th 1993, peacefully in hospital after a very short illness, Alan Duke C.B.E. aged 73 years. Funeral on Friday 1st October 1993 at St Barnabas Church, Holden Road, London N12 at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the North London Hospice, c/o J.H. Kenyon, 6 Woodhouse Road, London N12 0RG tel (081) 445-1651.

GRAY - On 18th September 1993, peacefully in hospital, Robert William, aged 69, of Wargrave, Berks. Dearly loved husband of Rosemary and father of Michael and John. Funeral Service at Wargrave Parish Church on Monday September 27th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to the British Heart Foundation.

HOLMES - On September 17th 1993, Hughie, much loved husband of Daph and father of Joanna, Rosie and Sue. Long time Master at Sherborne School and one time Royal Irish Fusilier. Thanksgiving Service at Sherborne Abbey on Friday November 5th at 3 pm. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses c/o W. Brister, Hound Street, Sherborne, Dorset, tel: (0935) 812647.

NOBLE - (Gradidge) Morag Jane suddenly at home 22nd September aged 61, beloved wife of Michael Gradidge. Cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, 3pm Tuesday September 28th. Family flowers only. Donations payable to Musicians Benevolent Fund c/o James Peddle Ltd., 65 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts.

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THOM - Margaret Moffat (Peggy) on 19th September 1993 peacefully at Wrexham Maelor Hospital and of Rossett. Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, N Wales, on Monday 27th September at 12 noon. Enquiries to Caldecott & Sons (0978) 261764.

WELDON - On September 21st in his sleep at home "Colonel Frank", M.V.O., M.B.E., M.C., R.A. Loved husband of Diana and father of George and David. Private funeral.

WHITEHEAD - On September 21st at Fairford Cottage Hospital, Joyce Stanger aged 77 years, of Kencot, after a long illness largely ignored. Hockey administrator and journalist. Funeral Service to take place at St George's Church, Kencot, on Tuesday September 28th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and all enquiries to E. Taylor & Son, tel: (0993) 842421 or donations, if desired, for Fairford Cottage Hospital, Fairford, near Cirencester, Glos.

WIBBERLEY - On September 21st at Bradford-on-Avon Hospital, Robin Wibberley M.B.A., B.Sc., F.I.M.A.R.E., C.Eng., M.I.M., M.A.P.M., Lieutenant-Commander Royal Navy. Dear husband of Jacky, father of Jo-Jo, Bertie and Polly and son of Louise. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Monday September 27th at 2pm followed by private interment. Flowers or donations for Dorothy House Foundation c/o C.S. Bowyer Ltd., 5 Church Street, Bradford-on-Avon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

STRUTT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lucy Strutt will be held at the Church of St Nicholas, Tolleshunt Major, near Maldon, Essex, on Tuesday October 5th 1993 at 3 pm - afterwards at Rockleys.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR TORKEL OPSAHL

Professor Torkel Opsahl, Norwegian human rights lawyer, died of a heart attack in Geneva on September 16 aged 62. He was born on March 17, 1931.

AFTER a 35-year career as a Norwegian constitutional expert and international human rights lawyer, Torkel Opsahl became known in Britain and Ireland in the last year, principally for his chairmanship of the independent commission, which bears his name, examining ways forward for Northern Ireland which bears his name.

He graduated from the University of Oslo in 1955 with the highest mark of any Norwegian law student this century. Among his contemporaries in the law faculty were the current foreign minister, Johan Jorgen Holst, and the UN mediator in the former Yugoslavia, Thorvald Stoltenberg. Opsahl went on to do postgraduate work in both New York and Moscow, a highly unusual academic programme in the coldest period of the Cold War. He earned his doctorate with a dissertation on the delegation of parliamentary authority and, in 1965, became Professor of Jurisprudence at his old university, specialising in constitutional and international public law. However, his legal talents were soon being sought on a wider stage.

He was a founding member of Amnesty International, and in that capacity was an observer at the Daniel and Sinyavsky trial in Moscow in 1966. He was a member of the European Commission of Human Rights from 1970 to 1984, during which time he handled the Irish government's case against the British government which led to the latter being found guilty of the "inhuman and degrading treatment" of internees in Northern Ireland in 1971.

He was a man of strong, if quietly-held, principles. He had been an adviser to the committee awarding the Nobel Peace Prize throughout the 1960s, but resigned unobtrusively in 1974 in protest at the award of the 1973 prize to Henry Kissinger and his North Vietnamese opposite number, Le Duc Tho.

He was a pioneer member (and later both rapporteur and vice-chairman) of the UN Human Rights Committee. His services as an international investigator and observer were constantly in demand. He investigated conditions of workers in Israeli-occupied territories for the International Labour Organisation in 1976. Twice in the 1980s he was part of UN missions examining conditions in prisoner-of-war camps in Iran and Iraq. In 1991 he was sent by the Norwegian foreign ministry to look into the human rights situation in the Baltic countries.

At the time of his death he was acting chairman of the UN commission investigating war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. Since 1974 he had been a member of the International Commission of Jurists. In 1987 he also became the founding chairman for the Norwegian Institute of Human Rights.

In the middle of these multifarious commitments Opsahl maintained a strong interest in Northern Ireland. When in March 1992 he was approached to chair an independent commission set up by the Belfast-based citizens' group Initiative '92, to enquire into ways forward for the province, he accepted immediately.

The so-called Opsahl Commission gathered over 500 written submissions from all sectors of Northern Ireland society and held six weeks of public hearings last winter. In its 464-page report, *A Citizens' Inquiry: The Opsahl Report on Northern Ireland*, published in June, the commission put forward 25 recommendations of its own. The most controversial of these were that Northern Ireland should be governed by a devolved administration drawn equally from the unionist and nationalist sections of the population, with the representatives of each having a mutual right of veto; that the Irish nationalist aspiration should be formally recognised in British law; and that the government should open informal channels of communication, through Sinn Fein, with the IRA. The report was generally welcomed by the British and Irish governments but condemned by Northern Ireland's politicians.

In an interview earlier this year Torkel Opsahl spoke of his belief that the task of lawyers was to find "honourable compromises", particularly in conflict zones where groups of people fight to the death using clashing demands for national self-determination. He did not believe such self-determination was a helpful concept, especially in Northern Ireland.

Torkel Opsahl is survived by his second wife and four children, a son and daughter from his first marriage, and a son and daughter from his second.

PROFESSOR DONALD BARRON

Professor Donald H. Barron, pioneer of foetal physiology, died in Gainesville, Florida, on August 23 aged 88. He was born in Flandreau, South Dakota on April 9, 1905.

UNTIL the 1930s, scientific knowledge of a foetus could only be developed by indirect information or examination of babies and placentas after they were born. The field of foetal physiology was first mapped out by the work of Donald Barron, Joseph Barcroft and Bryan Matthews in Cambridge between 1935 and 1940. It was the beginning of a lifetime's study for Barron who continued to work on foetal problems until earlier this year.

Donald Barron was born into a South Dakota a farming family. Life revolved around the deep frost winters which dictated the annual farming cycle, and Barron's first lessons in biology came from studying the farm animals around him.

Barron wanted to read medicine but family circumstances dictated otherwise. He went instead to Iowa State College gaining an MSc in 1929 and moving to Yale where he finished his PhD in zoology in 1931. Here he became interested in the new science of neurophysiology.

In 1935 Barron went to Cambridge where he hoped to work with the neurologist Walter Brain (later Lord Brain) in neurophysiology. Brain was out of town that month and by chance Barron met Joseph Barcroft, the physiologist, over afternoon tea. Barcroft was intrigued by this bright young man and having just acquired a flock of 50 ewes, asked Barron to help him in making physiological measurements on them.

Barcroft enabled Barron to stay with him by getting a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation in New York and so started Barron's work in foetal physiology. Barron's first experiments on an early lamb embryo recorded its chest movements at a stage of gestation when most scientists would not have credited that the embryo could make respiratory efforts.

From the Cambridge laboratories there followed pioneering work on foetal respiration, enabling the measurement of gas exchange to the intra-uterine foetus while pregnancy was proceeding. This was followed by work on foetal growth, placental exchange and foetal circulation, published in a series of papers and chapters by Barron, Barcroft and Matthews.

In 1940 Barron returned to America and in 1951 he was made Professor of Physiology at Yale University. Here his ability as a teacher attracted a group of bright, young American and European obstetricians and physiologists.

Barron was by now able to refine his experimental model by placing vascular catheters into the lamb in the uterus, thus allowing a longitudinal series of measurements to be made in late pregnancy, through delivery and into the immediate time afterwards. Through this he was able to provide valuable physiological information of how human respiration begins. Thousands of babies who would have died survive now thanks to his work on foetal sheep.

On retirement from Yale at the age of 65, Barron went to Gainesville in Florida where the Wayne Wright Foundation built him a foetal physiology laboratory. The then chairman of the Department of Obstetrics, realising the potential of Barron's work, encouraged him, even though he was a non-clinician, to join all ward rounds and teaching sessions.

Barron spent the next twenty years there, grudgingly coming to terms with old age (rather than lifting the sheep manually on to the laboratory bench he agreed to use a fork-lift truck). Gainesville became a point of pilgrimage for many who wished to recharge their faith in experimental research and Barron was able to continue his work there until only a few months ago.

Barron was a great Anglophile who had enjoyed his time in England — the Cambridge atmosphere suited his combination of teaching and research talents. He was made a fellow of St John's College and given many honorary awards in his life including, in Britain, honorary memberships of the Anatomical Society and the Physiological Society of Britain, and honorary fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine.

In 1987 he was made a fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Donald Barron is survived by his wife Annette, whom he married in 1932, and by one of his two daughters. The other predeceased him.

DONALD MacKENZIE

Donald MacKenzie, playboy, professional thief and crime-writer, died on September 20 aged 85. He was born in Toronto, Canada, on August 11, 1908.

ALTHOUGH hardly a name to win immediate recognition, except among aficionados of his work, Donald MacKenzie was a prolific (and in his earlier years) a highly successful writer of crime novels. Crime was his subject, his chief interest and, at one time, his profession.

Born in Toronto of respectable middle-class parents, he attended Upper Canada College, sometimes called "the Eton of Canada". He was then sent to Switzerland, where he learnt to speak fluent French. Later, he also picked up a sound knowledge of German and acquired a reasonable command of Spanish and Portuguese.

His linguistic ability, allied to nerves of steel and a love for anything shady, were prime resources when eventually he found what he believed to be his true role in life: as an international con man, and itinerant jewel thief. Trained by a doyen of the old school, "Doc" Springer, he burgled and flim-flammed his way across most of Western Europe. The outbreak of war in 1939, however, was ultimately to prove both his downfall and redemption.

Stranded in London and short of money, MacKenzie stuck to the only trade he knew; the theft of diamonds. Then he turned his hand to stolen ration books. Stolen, needless to say, by him. A suitcase-full was discovered under his bed and he was arrested. Foolishly granted bail, he fled first to Casablanca, then to America, where he was caught in the act of relieving a lady of her jewellery and arrested yet again. But on this occasion he did not have the chance to run. Denied bail MacKenzie stayed in jail until sentenced to three years in Auburn Penitentiary in up-state New York.

He served his time constructively tutoring fellow inmates in French and, more significantly, starting to write. As he told the tale, it was not literary ambition that inspired him but a deep and abiding allergy to grey, stone walls and heavily-barred windows. He sent the initial efforts to a literary agency — Russell & Volcaning in New York City. They saw he had talent and offered encouragement. So, duly encouraged, MacKenzie persevered in those adverse conditions and, within months, was selling stories to such well-known journals as *Collier's*, *Atlantic Monthly* and the *Saturday Evening Post*.

His apprenticeship may have come to an end, but past debts still remained to be paid. MacKenzie was sent back to England at the completion of his sentence and condemned to an additional three years in Winchester Prison. But he continued to write and, when finally released, he had established himself as an author. His first books — *Gentlemen at Crime* and *Occupation: Thief* — were autobiographical. After these confessional accounts, he concentrated solely on fiction.

MacKenzie now enjoyed a period of relative prosperity. Earning enough to indulge his restless temperament, he rented a series of houses in France, Spain, Portugal and Ibiza. Spurred on by a desire to speak his native language (he was barred from re-entering the United States because of his criminal record) he also lived in Ireland and England. His books not only brought royalties, but several were

made into films. Trevor Howard and Dorothy Dandridge starred in *Moment of Danger*, but undoubtedly the most memorable, produced in 1958, was *Nowhere to Go*, scripted by Kenneth Tynan, which introduced Maggie Smith to cinema audiences.

MacKenzie married in 1950 and had a daughter, Caroline. The marriage did not last and he went on to forge a number of relationships, one of them in 1968 producing a second child, another daughter, Kirsty.

A cradle Catholic, he was an adherent of the Tridentine Mass, held strong right-wing political opinions and believed firmly in order; so long, that is, as it did not apply to him.

In his final years his books having become less fashionable and thus less profitable, he lived entirely alone in a single room at the top of six flights of stairs in a house in west London.

Donald MacKenzie wrote 42 books, 15 of them featuring John Raven, an ex-detective with, not surprisingly, a broad anarchistic streak, a penchant for breaking the rules and a profound distaste for hypocrisy, official or otherwise. His latest and last novel, *The Sixth Deadly Sin*, will be published this December.

He is survived by his two daughters.

HIS HONOUR JOHN TAYLOR

Lieutenant-Colonel His Honour John Barrington Taylor, MBE, TD, retired circuit judge, died on September 10 aged 79. He was born on August 3, 1914.

JOHN TAYLOR was among the first to take advantage of the Courts Act which came into effect over 21 years ago, opening up jobs in the criminal judiciary to solicitors.

He was then not only the coroner in his home city of Bath, but the local county court registrar. Until 1960, he had been in private practice, senior partner in the well-established Bath firm of Titley, Long and Co, and already a familiar figure on the Western circuit — with a taste for defending clients in the lower courts.

In 1972, however, following the relaxation of the Bar's historic monopoly, he became a Crown Court recorder and, after serving as such for the statutory minimum period of five years, was appointed a judge on the south eastern circuit. He was based first at Snaresbrook, then Southend and finally Chelmsford — from where he retired in 1989 after 12 years on the bench.

Despite his varied career, John Taylor was born to a business background rather than a legal one. His father was managing director of the nationally-known Bath department store of Jolly's.

The late Queen Mary, while living at Badminton during the war, made regular shopping expeditions to the store and became a close personal friend of Taylor Senior, exchanging birthday cards and family gossip over tea.

Young John went to King Edward's School, Bath, before being articled and taking a London law degree externally. Admitted as a solicitor in 1936 he practised for only three years before war broke out.

Commissioned into the Somerset Light Infantry (SLI) he was on active service overseas from 1942 until VE-Day, first in the Western Desert and then in Italy. He later served with the Allied Control Commission for Austria. For his last three years in the Army he was on the adjutant-general's staff, first with the 5th Corps, then in Vienna and finally in Milan — from where he was demobilised as a lieutenant-colonel in 1946. He always took great pride in his military MBE, awarded while he was in Austria.

Taylor then enlisted in the Territorial Army, eventually being given command of the 4th/5th Battalion of the SLI, for which he was given the Territorial Decoration.

In his younger days he was active with the Boy Scouts, serving as secretary of the Bath Scouts Association — and volunteering his brother for the job when he relinquished it.

His other chief interest was the Church. A devout Anglican, he was churchwarden for many years at his local church of Claverton, belonged to the parochial church council and was treasurer, then vice-chairman, of the Diocesean Mission to the Deaf. He also became chairman of the Friends of Bath Abbey, even travelling back from Essex to take meetings.

As a judge he was brisk and effective, delivering his judgments despite a life-long stammer — which he usually managed to control while sitting in court.

His voluntary work showed a similar dedication. Whatever Taylor turned his hand to, he did thoroughly — reflecting perhaps the business efficiency he inherited.

Not only was his integrity unquestioned, but he firmly believed that justice should be seen to be done. He was scrupulous over the company he kept, preferring to socialise with fellow members of the judiciary. He was also, however, a courteous man, well liked by court officials.

John Taylor first settled in Essex when he retired, but moved to Devon to be nearer his family two years ago when his wife Aleen became terminally ill. He is survived by two of their three sons and by three daughters.

LOTUS SUPREMACY CONFIRMED

FROM OUR MOTOR RACING CORRESPONDENT

By winning the 201-mile international Formula 1 Gold Cup race for the second successive year over the snaking parkland circuit of Oulton Park on Saturday, J. Clark again demonstrated the supremacy of the Lotus-Climax 25, his own unbeatable cornering technique, and the sheer inability of the works B.R.M.s to get within striking distance of the lightweight Lotus.

It was the last Formula 1 race of the season here, and Clark's first race since he settled the world championship title at Monza on September 8. From start to finish he stayed in front. He lapped the 2.76-mile circuit for the first time at more than 100 m.p.h. and won at a record average speed of 98.34 m.p.h., 22 seconds ahead of R. Ginther in the leading B.R.M. with the 1962 champion, G. Hill, having to settle for third place after fighting the last 17 of the 73 laps with no third gear.

A walk-over for Clark in his immaculate Lotus, the race forcibly showed up the B.R.M.'s slower cornering and weight handicap. With three championship races still to be run (in the United States, Mexico and South Africa), for G. Hill it has been a frustrating season of trial and error, trying to defend his title with both old and new cars, while Lotus, who started the season fully prepared, have never looked back, and Ferrari—looking to next year—are forgoing the remaining championship races to be on top form for 1964.

CROWN-WHEEL TROUBLE

Like a lightning streak, Clark left the starting grid, heading Ginther and Hill. I Ireland with the B.R.P. Lotus, and T. Maggs (Cooper) into Old Hall corner, and steadily building up a 24sec lead. Gurney, who had won the earlier touring car race in a Galaxie, was left on the grid with his Brabham, but J. Brabham kept his own car up among the leaders for the entire race to finish fourth.

By lap six, Ginther looked like a serious challenger, and hopes rose for B.R.M. when the No 2 Lotus of T. Taylor dropped out with crown-wheel trouble. Hill, using Ginther's slipstream for a tow, pulled up to second place on lap 20, while Brabham was being harried all the way by Ireland, with the works Coopers of B. McLaren and T. Maggs lurking in their wake.

Down the straight to Knicker Brook, the leaders were rushing at nearly 140 m.p.h., Clark soon shattering his own lap record of last year (99.4 m.p.h.), to leave it finally at 1min. 39.2sec (100.2 m.p.h.) on lap 61. M. Beckwith, having his first Formula 1 drive, with a B.R.P. Lotus, crashed into the barrier at Old Hall, but walked unhurt out of the wreckage. Clark was 26sec ahead of the leading B.R.M. when, on lap 56, Hill, gallantly holding second place, lost a gear and had to wave his team mate, Ginther, through, and Ireland went out of fifth place with oil troubles. Having lapped all but three cars, Clark romped home.

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY Sept 22 - Joy Foyt, of Texas, won the 200 miles New Jersey State Fair motor race here today. J Clark, the world champion, retired in the 50th lap.

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● Rural France's fading glory ● Ski fever strikes early ● Asian supertrain sets off

Gites in a time warp

CHEAP, self-catering accommodation in the heart of an unchanged countryside, offering a life style of rural bliss — that is the supposed attraction of France's 55,000 holiday cottages for the British, who make up a third of the *gite* clientele.

I now suspect that after almost 40 years, French *gites* are about to face fierce competition from the new generation of purpose-built, *self-catering villas* springing up throughout Europe.

Package holidays have expanded to include small hotels and villas, which combine modern facilities and quiet, peaceful surroundings. Many tourists, used to a higher standard of living at home, are used to something better than the basic accommodation *gites* can provide.

The large, modern ships used by Brittany Ferries to sail from Portsmouth to the French ports of St Malo and Caen provide passengers with comfortable and efficient floating hotels, but the cars they carry are packed with the everyday items needed to sustain life in a *gite*.

On a journey to a *gite*, I was unable to get the sheets, pillows, towels and other paraphenalia we had been forewarned would be needed into my small family car, and I had to borrow a Volvo estate.

Gites are graded in *épis*, or ears of corn. A score of one is the lowest; four, the nearest thing to luxury. Ours was graded three. Arriving, in the evening, we found it contained even less than we had expected — not even lavatory paper or soap.

Many small, traditional shops in villages around France have now closed down because of the development of large out-of-town hypermarkets: the nearest was ten miles away.

The gites are comparatively inexpensive — ours was one of 1,300 used by customers of Brittany Ferries. The brochure price of £875, for two weeks for four adults, includes the sea crossing and the accommodation. To that, however, must be added the cost of equipping the *gite* with the essentials of living, including food and drink. Two weeks of appalling weather then made the short-comings of life in a *gite* doubly apparent.

Few *gite* owners can afford to renew furniture and equipment, redecorate, prevent damp or find ways of alleviating the sceptic tank smell. Many do their best, and for those with children they still have a genuine appeal. Like ours, most have swings, play areas, animals and games. But those I have visited appear stuck in a time warp and in need of improvements to bring them up to the modern standards now demanded by increasingly sophisticated tourists.

VIEWPOINT

Harvey Elliott

Customers queue for chalets

BY MINTY CLINCH

■ **Ski tour operators see signs of a bumper year after the damage to their business caused by the devaluation of the pound in last year's monetary crisis**

After a difficult season last winter, chalet holidays are again selling well, proving that nothing is more durable than the quaint British tradition of the house party on the slopes.

The effects of devaluation, which caught out so many chalet operators last year, will be passed on to the customer, resulting in a 5 to 8 per cent rise in prices. This rise is modest, despite the fact that *the* pound has settled on the foreign exchanges at 20 per cent below the rate at which prices were set and published in brochures last year.

The prices reflect the pressure on chalet tour operators, which sell 110,000 holidays a year, representing 20 to 25 per cent of the British ski market. The competition is tough.

There is an ever-ready market for skiers who love the cosiness of chalet holidays, in which they can accommodate all of their party in one house. Effectively, the chalet becomes *a home away from home and* holiday-makers can enjoy home-cooked food.

In only its fourth year in the chalet business, aggressive marketing has taken Crystal Holidays, which has 25,000 holidays to sell, to the top of the table. Long-term specialists Bladon Lines and its subsidiary, Ski West, jointly offer 19,000 holidays.

While the overall market leader, Thomson Holidays, continues to put the bulk of its resources into hotel holidays, Crystal has increased its number of chalets from 102 to 137 and its prices by 5 per cent. It reports strong sales, particularly in Italy and the United States.

Demand on the other side of the Atlantic is so strong that it has acquired a further three properties in Breckenridge and one in Vail for the second edition of its brochure. Skiers must be aware that the most desirable properties in the most popular weeks are snapped up quickly.

Early bookings are never unexpected, but rapid sales of expensive holidays this year suggest the recession is on the wane. "It's not the nightmare it was last year," says Paul Chase Gardener, the managing director of Bladon Lines.

"Our clients are not looking for cheap and cheerful holidays. They really do have more to spend, and they prefer to spend it on chalet holidays because they see an all-embracing package as the hedge against devaluation."

While Bladon Lines concentrates on a limited number of proven resorts, most of them in France and Switzerland, Crystal uses resorts elsewhere. Both have a basic chalet package but Crystal's can be upgraded by a £35 premier service supplement.

Price comparisons can be misleading because properties vary so much, but on small chalets in central Val d'Isère, the two giants are remarkably in accord. Bladon Lines charges £309 to £639 for a week in Chalet les Danaides (ten beds), Crystal £299-£629 for Chalet Christophe (eight to nine beds).

The choice of chalet operator lies between the big companies, such as Mark Warner (7,500 holidays), Ski Esprit (5,000) and Enterprise (4,700), and a host of smaller specialists, mostly companies based in one resort or companies catering for the luxury end of the market. Skiers can benefit considerably from the local expertise of one-resort operations. This is certainly true of Collineige in Chamonix and Meriski in Meribel.

The top end of the market is dominated by Ski Scott Dunn and the Ski Company. Andrew Dunn, who pioneered luxury touches, such as early morning tea and champagne breakfasts, which have become commonplace among his rivals, reports bumper bookings this year.

"We'd die for more beds in the six key weeks," he says. "For example, our £1,049 ten-day package to Courchevel over new year is a sellout."

In 1992-3, the Ski Company, increased its capacity by 70 per cent while its rivals struggled, and it has another new chalet in Val d'Isère for 1993-4. In this bullish mood, it did not hesitate to raise its prices by 20 per cent.

This gives it the most expensive chalet week of all: £1,367 over Christmas or new year in Val d'Isère. Even so, its bookings are up by 30 per cent.

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Ski holiday operators have reached lift-off, despite price rises of 5 to 8 per cent

Insurance coalition to ensure fair play

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

A NEW British association of companies, known as intermediaries, involved in travel insurance, is being established to regulate the activities of brokers.

The Association of Travel Insurance Intermediaries (ATII), headed by David Hall, the chief executive of Accident and General, is hoping to recruit 30 members in an attempt to set minimum standards.

Before joining, companies must have a bond to cover travellers in the event of business failure, and have a policy representing three times their gross brokerage.

The intermediaries sell the policies to travellers, whereas the travel insurance companies bear the risk.

ATII plans to lobby the government on issues relating to travel insurance. The association aims to formalise a loose link between intermediaries that has existed for many years.

The Consumers' Association this year said that some policies fall well below its recommended level of cover and exclusion clauses leave belongings uninsured.

Travellers should ensure that they are properly insured before they go on holiday, and check that both the application form for travel insurance and the policy are originals, because American hospitals may not accept copies.

Eastern luxury rides the rails

BY JAMES PRINGLE

THE inaugural journey of Southeast Asia's new luxury supertrain — the Eastern and Oriental Express — left Bangkok for Singapore yesterday amid tight but unobtrusive security.

As celebrities, including Susannah York, boarded the train for its 42-hour journey through the rice paddies, rubber plantations and jungles of Thailand and Malaysia, police were mounting a full-scale but discreet guard against possible attack by Muslim separatist groups, which had earlier attacked a train on another cross-border line in southern Thailand.

Earlier in the week, Prince Michael of Kent had travelled on the train's first run in the opposite direction in an operation which is designed to trade on the success of the Venice Simplon-Orient Express service.

The single fare is £1,513 for a standard compartment for two, including meals. The Presidential suite on the train — in which Prince Michael travelled — costs £3,947. Drinks are extra a bottle of champagne, for example, costs £80. But early projections look good: until the end of the year, the 22 green and yellow coach train, which includes two restaurant cars and an observation carriage, is booked 45 per cent.

The E & O, which has a fortune-teller and foot masseur on board and was seen off by a band in Singapore playing "Colonel Bogey", is the brainchild of James B. Sherwood, a rich American who resurrected the legendary Orient Express and who hopes to turn this opulent Asian version into a similar success.

Susannah York: eastern journey on a new train

Most of the rolling stock for the new train was built in Japan in the early 1970s and has been extensively renovated by the new partner of the Venice Simplon-Orient Express. On the earlier journey to Bangkok, travellers gathered in the plush bar for a rousing sing-song, the most popular number of which was Noel Coward's "Mad Dogs and Englishmen."

On the return journey, Susannah York, dressed in 1920s flapper clothes posed for photographers on top of one of two baby elephants brought to the Bangkok station for the send-off.

Rhodes beckons

☐ COSMOS (061-480-5799) has a 14-night stay in Rhodes available for up to three people sharing an apartment on a self-catering basis, departing from Manchester on October 6 for £189, including flights and accommodation.

☐ GB AIRWAYS (0345-222111) is cutting the price of a weekday return fare to the Rock to £149 until mid October and to £159 at weekends. Services are daily from Heathrow and Gatwick. From Manchester the weekday price is £169. The weekend fare £179.

☐ AN all-inclusive six night escorted coach tour of Scotland taking in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Skye and the Highlands is available through Insight Tours (0800-393-393) departing from London on October 4 at £425 per person. Accommodation is in five-star hotels, breakfasts and some evening meals included.

☐ AVRO (0293-567916) has flight-only seats available from Gatwick to Fuerteventura on September 29 for £149 return.

☐ Two weeks half-board at the five star Plantation Inn in Jamaica has been reduced to £1,289 this autumn — a saving of more than £500 — by Tropical Places (0342-825123). The same company is offering an all-inclusive fortnight in Couples on the same island for £1,299 including flights, accommodation, all meals, and watersports.

Eating their hearts out in Kinsale

■ **Whiskey salami and Clonakilty are standard fare in one Irish town**

Gourmandisers will be gathering next month at Kinsale, a small Irish fishing port which a couple of decades ago was declining fast.

Now, if the *Gourmet*, the BBC magazine, is to be believed, half of Europe is due to converge on the seventeenth International Gourmet Festival (October 7 to 10) to sample everything from lobsters and wild salmon to oyster sausages and the black pudding they call The Clonakilty.

Kinsale (which has a population of less than 3,000) limits the numbers who can book for the whole of the four-day festival to 300. "Any more than that and we would have to have people eating in marquees," says Peter Barry, founder, organiser and tourist promotion officer. "You can't do that to people who have come from all over for some of the best food in the world."

Visitors can buy day tickets — or just turn up ticketless to sample some of Ireland's finest at any of the town's 60 restaurants and pubs.

Some will go for the international chefs who will be working in the dozen or so restaurants which make up the Kinsale Good Food Circle. Others will be tempted by the renowned breakfasts at Mother Hubbard's café.

Aficionados advise going into gastronomic training if you are to get the best out of Kinsale. One of the high points of the festival is Friday's eat-all-you-like champagne brunch at Actons hotel, including baked hams, venison, kippers, oysters (hot and cold), smoked salmon, 14 hand-made West Cork cheeses, Irish whiskey salami and five other Irish salamis, black and white Clonakilty pudding, fresh fruit, local yoghurts, local sausages, mushrooms, tomatoes, haddock, kippers, venison, roast lamb, beef, scrambled eggs with smoked salmon, porridge, bacon, hand-made preserves and bread.

It all starts at 10am or thereabouts, says Peter Jordan, owner of the Seasons restaurant. "Depending on the hangovers from night before." These will have been earned by foodies starting off at the official 6pm opening at Actons on October 7.

Kinsale's raw ingredients

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Tourism boost for Holy Land

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

■ The recent peace initiatives have opened up the prospect of package tours crossing the Middle East's borders and leaving billions of dollars in their wake

ISRAEL and Egypt are to announce a historic initiative next month to boost tourism to the Eastern Mediterranean and bordering countries, including the newly created Palestinian autonomies of Gaza and Jericho.

The Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Association, initially comprising Israel, Egypt, Greece and Turkey, hopes to build on the new spirit of political co-operation in the region to draw Jordan and the new Palestinian administration, and in time Syria and Lebanon, into its ranks.

The aim is to promote the region as a whole once the borders that have divided it finally open. For the first time in decades, tourists would be able to visit Petra in Jordan before heading direct to Jerusalem and on to the teeming kasbahs of Cairo. There is even talk of a high-speed railway one day linking Damascus, Beirut, Haifa, Gaza, Alexandria and Cairo with a Levantine equivalent of the TGV.

While there are many obstacles yet to overcome, the announcement, to be made at the World Travel Market in London, is a sign of growing recognition in the region of the vast tourism potential unleashed by the signing earlier this month of the peace accord between Israel and the Palestinian leadership. It also marks the realisation that co-operation is the only way to tap it.

"It is in all our interests," said Mordechai Benari, spokesman for the Israeli Ministry of Tourism. "Not only can we attract more tourists from outside the region, but we can also promote tourism amongst ourselves. There are many Israelis who would like to travel to Syria and Jordan and, if there is real peace, we may see Jordanians 'weekending' in Jerusalem."

A record two million tourists will visit Israel and the occupied territories this year, leaving behind them more than $2.5 billion. If the borders with Israel's Arab neighbours were to open, the number could double within three years, tourism experts believe.

Already both the Palestinians and the Israelis are bracing themselves for an influx of Muslim pilgrims, who since 1967 have been denied access to Islam's third holiest shrine, the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem's Old City. The West Bank town of Hebron, important to Muslims, Jews and Christians alike, has also been virtually off limits.

Walid Dajani, head of the Palestinian technical committee on tourism, admits that one of the main problems facing the new adminstration when it takes control of tourism in the territories next month will be how to accommodate the new visitors.

More than two decades of occupation have taken their toll on the Palestinian tourism industry. They have less than a tenth of the hotel space of the Israelis; most of that is delapidated and in desperate need of renovation. There are few Palestinian restaurants, many having fallen victim to the *intifada*. There is bitter resentment too at the strict rules governing licences for tour guides which have allowed only a handful of Palestinians to be licensed since 1967, compared with 3,000 Israelis.

"Tourism is going to be one of the mainstays of a future Palestinian economy, but we are starting from scratch," Mr Dajani said. "We need to train people to work in the industry, we need to build roads, restaurants, hotels, transport. That is going to take time and a lot of investment." The PLO's six-year investment plan for the occupied territories puts the figure at $277 million.

Jericho is already experiencing something of a boom as the possible seat of a new Palestinian administration. The town's only hotel, the 70-roomed Hisham Palace Hotel, has already trebled its rates.

But it is the West Bank which is likely to lay the basis for real growth. Its roads are less dilapidated than those of Gaza, and it has direct access to the Jordanian market over the Allenby bridge.

Package holidays may one day take in Petra (above) in Jordan as well as Israel

Watching whales may seem environmentally friendly but could be harming the mammals

Call for green curbs

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

■ Conservations bodies, disturbed by the growing popularity of what has become known as ecotourism, are discussing how to prevent its worst effects

NATURE-watching tours, the fastest-growing niche market in travel, should be controlled more tightly to minimise disturbance to wildlife, conservationists said this week.

As two international conferences on "ecotourism" — in Brazil and Venezuela — debate the impact of tourist visits to the world's most sensitive sites, wildlife protection bodies in the UK are looking at ways to educate tour operators and the public.

One issue to be discussed at another conference, of the National Geographical Society next month, is the growing demand for more adventurous holidays, especially those with a back to nature theme. Within the past five years, wildlife trips have become available to ordinary tourists rather than just to highly equipped adventurers. The emphasis is more on observation than hunting, but wildlife protection bodies seek new regulations so tourists contribute to nature rather than destroy it.

Ecotourism was virtually unheard of three years ago. However, James Martin-Jones, the Worldwide Fund for Nature's conservation officer, said: "We would like guidelines that protect wildlife."

Trisha Barnett, co-ordinator for Tourism Concern, a body that encourages environmental awareness among governments and operators, said: "It would be impossible to have a rating system — we do not have the finances."

Concern over the impact on wildlife was raised by two researchers from the University of California, Davis, who discovered that tourists in Nepal could be unwittingly instilling tameness into rhinoceroses by scaring off shyer animals from foraging. The researchers found that when a safari group was nearby, the rhinos spent more time being alert and less time feeding.

Tourism Concern says a similar problem exists in Antarctica, where up to 6,500 visitors went last year to watch wildlife. The British government believes further regulations are needed to make tour operators give detailed information on how many people they intend to take.

Tourism Concern said that boat operators also should be careful when running expeditions to see whales.

Whale-watching began as a commercial activity in 1955 off southern California. In the past decade, it has developed rapidly; observation trips now take place around 30 countries, as well as off Antarctica. An estimated four million whale-watchers spent £185 million worldwide last year.

Erich Hoyt, an American research scientist working in Scotland with the Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society, said: "The whales . . . need to be protected from aggressive whale-watching."

Scottish Natural Heritage, a government agency, is considering introducing rules to protect marine life in its own coastal waters.

Double crash coup for Europ

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE complicated repatriation of the survivors of last weekend's double coach and plane crashes in central France was one of well over 1,500 similar incidents organised in the last 12 months by the British subsidiary of Europ Assistance working from its Croydon headquarters.

The main company was set up 30 years ago by a Frenchman, Pierre Desnos, who was appalled by the lack of immediate help for some friends who had suffered a serious accident in Spain in 1962.

At first his idea — the creation of a form of "international rescue" — was regarded as unfeasible and for ten years it struggled to obtain recognition from insurance companies who had been used to providing financial reimbursement to travellers but no direct help.

Now the company, which is 88 per cent owned by the European insurance company Generali, has subsidiaries in 15 countries and is able to provide immediate help in 210 countries.

Its Croydon headquarters is permanently manned by a team of 20 people during the day and five at night, ready to respond to any emergency. Normally Europ Assistance acts as a contractor for individual insurance companies whose clients have run into trouble but it also provides help for employees of companies who are stranded in remote places, embassies and other large international organisations.

Although it does not have its own fleet of dedicated air ambulances, preferring to rely on chartering individual aircraft to meet the specific need, it has a sophisticated range of medical equipment in store and 1,380 contracted medical staff trained in emergency evacuation procedures.

Airports galore

IF would-be airline Air Bristol is successful in its bid to operate domestic and international BAe 146 services, the city's second airport at Filton will become the 67th in Britain to be linked by scheduled passenger flights, *Harvey Elliott writes*.

The increasing number of British airports offering scheduled services is revealed in this month's issue of the ABC *World Airways Guide* corporate edition which details changes in the global aviation industry.

"Even regular business travellers are surprised that the number is so high" said Ron Speirs, the guide's publishing director.

Britain's scheduled airport count puts it second in the western European league table, behind the 72 airports of France. Germany has 44 scheduled service airports.

The guide also reveals that British air travellers are faced with a bewildering choice of airlines. Currently there are 143 foreign and UK-based carriers providing scheduled services at the 66 British airports, 34 of which have international flights. The highlands and islands of Scotland alone contain 23 of the airports.

TRAVELOGS

D-Day anniversary a best-seller

EVERY hotel in Normandy, and many as far down as Bordeaux, has been booked for the fiftieth anniversary of the Normandy landings next June. Now some who made their bookings as long ago as 1989 have been "gazumped" by veteran groups prepared to pay higher prices to be in the area for the many memorial services and commemorative events. The British Legion, which has chartered the 1,500-berth Canberra, predicts that "the world and its wife" will be in Normandy from a week before June 6 to a week afterwards. Brittany Ferries is not yet making reservations; it has been "overwhelmed" with advance registrations from groups from all over the world.

Jamaican compromise

THE Jamaican government has compromised over its controversial passenger levy plans, which would have meant an increase from $10 to $15 a head, making it the most highly-taxed destination in the Caribbean. In conjunction with the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association, the Jamaican government has agreed to raise the levy in stages at Ocho Rios — which received over 60 per cent of the island's cruise passengers in 1992. It is be increased to $13 in January 1994 and to $15 in September 1995.

The cruise companies have in turn agreed to look at ways to employ more Jamaicans, comply with environmental laws, buy more Jamaican goods, and increase visitor flows to the island.

Other levies imposed by the islands vary according to the destination's ability to attract visitors: Barbados, for instance, will raise its levy from $3 to $6 for three years while St Lucia will increase its levy from $2 to $7.50, with a further increase to $10 by October 1 next year.

BA trims Euro routes

BRITISH Airways is to cut four of the 12 European routes it originally decided to keep after the takeover of Dan-Air. Passenger loads have risen to only 50 per cent from 33 per cent immediately after the takeover and the latest BA accounts reveal that the takeover finally cost £45 million instead of the £35 million quoted a year ago. In its winter schedules — to run from October 24 to March 28 next year — BA is cutting services from Gatwick to Lourdes, Perpignan and Nice in France as well as Zurich, although it says it will resume service to Perpignan next summer.

Too noisy by £30,000

AIRLINES have been fined £30,000 for 40 breaches of the night noise limits at London's Heathrow Airport since a penalty system was introduced five months ago. The money is being used to fund community projects in Slough, Windsor and four other boroughs affected.

Japanese trips a record

ALMOST 11.8 million Japanese travelled abroad in 1992, the highest number recorded in the history of Japanese overseas tourism and an increase of almost 11 per cent over the previous year. According to the Japan National Tourist Organisation, they spent a total of nearly £24.3 billion, of which £18.5 billion was on hotels, meals and shopping. Each traveller spent about £2,060, including the airfare.

October looks healthy

THE World Travel and Tourism Council says October advance bookings for European airlines, hotels and car rentals are all above last year's levels. Airlines show bookings up 5.1 per cent, while hotels and car-rental agencies show gains of 7.4 per cent and 14.9 per cent respectively.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

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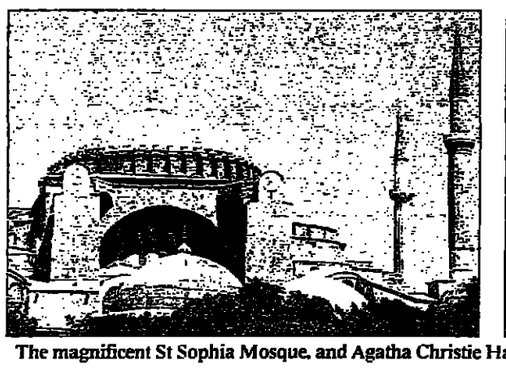
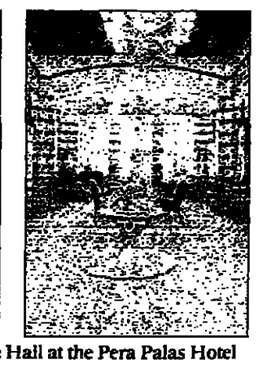




The magnificent St Sophia Mosque, and Agatha Christie Hall at the Pera Palas Hotel

The best of Byzantium

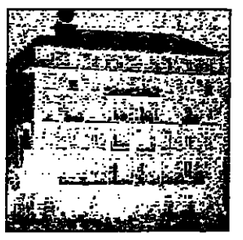
Istanbul is one of the most fascinating cities in the world to visit. Straddling Europe and Asia, where the Black Sea meets the Sea of Marmara, it has beckoned travellers through the centuries, from its days as Byzantium and Constantinople. Visitors return time and again.

Today *The Times*, in association with the leading travel agents Cox & Kings, is offering readers the opportunity to enjoy the best this magnificent city has to offer.

Rooms have been booked at the elegant, four-star Pera Palas Hotel, which was built close to the Golden Horn in 1892 to host passengers arriving on the Orient Express and which retains its distinctive Eastern decor and antique furnishings.

Set on a hill, the hotel looks over the city — to the nearby Galata Tower, and across the Horn to the Topkapi palace of the Ottoman sultans, the bustling, covered Grand Bazaar, the magnificent St Sophia Mosque (now a museum), the Blue Mosque and the Suleiman Mosque.

This *Times* special break is from Sunday December 5 to Thursday December 9. The price of £380 per person sharing a double room (single supplement £75) includes return British Airways flights from Heathrow (usual fare £314 return) and airport-hotel transfers. Meals have not been included as many visitors prefer to try out the many eating places offering a wide-range of superb dishes.



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NEWS

Yeltsin promises bloodless victory

■ President Yeltsin pledged that he would win the battle for power in Russia without bloodshed. The armed forces, interior troops and the government said that they remained loyal despite the challenge to his leadership from Aleksandr Rutskoi.

General Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, whom the rival parliament claimed it had dismissed on Tuesday, appeared in uniform at Mr Yeltsin's side on a walkabout. He offered his support and that of his troops ..... Pages 1, 14, 15, 18, 29

Pope reaffirms birth-control ban

■ The Pope has forcefully restated his ban on artificial birth control and emphasised his opposition to divorce and abortion in the encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*. A copy of the final version has been leaked to *The Times* three weeks ahead of its official publication ..... Pages 1, 8, 18, 19

Tory activists rebel

Tory grassroot activists have attacked attempts by national and regional party officers to claim widespread party support for John Major's leadership. The officers are dismissed as "gong-crazy" ..... Page 1

Train crash deaths

At least 38 people were killed and 15 were missing last night after a train derailed on a bridge near Mobile, Alabama, and plunged into an alligator-infested swamp ..... Page 1

Iraq 'deceived' Britain

Britain was deceived by Iraq into exporting equipment capable of making armaments in breach of the government's export guidelines, William Waldegrave, the former Foreign Office minister, told the Scott enquiry ..... Page 2

Theatres reprieved

Theatres including Bristol Old Vic, Plymouth Theatre Royal and Greenwich Theatre have been saved from closure after an Arts Council about-turn ..... Page 2

Secrets found in car

Secret papers related to the Star Wars defence project and the Rapier missile system were found in the car of an engineer accused of spying for the Russians, a court was told ..... Page 3

Bondage blackmail

A prostitute blackmailed a rich client and threatened to give details of their bondage session to a newspaper, the Old Bailey was told ..... Page 3

Howard angers police

Fresh confrontation between the government and police appears likely after Michael Howard, the home secretary, announced a streamlined disciplinary system, including abolition of legal safeguards ..... Page 5

Short aide quits

Nigel Short's chief aide in *The Times* World Chess Championship, Lubosh Kavolec, has returned to Washington, leaving the Briton dangerously short of technical expertise ..... Page 7

Sex clinic arsons

A series of arson attacks on a building where it was proposed to treat child sex offenders has forced a charity to abandon its plans at a cost of several thousand pounds ..... Page 9

Gazans fear feud

Thousands of Gazans paid their last respects to the PLO activist Muhammad Abu Shabaan, and prayed that his assassination is not the beginning of a brutal feud between Palestinians ..... Page 12

Muslim atrocity claim

Bosnian Serbs have appealed to the United Nations War Crimes Commission to investigate claims that Muslims massacred more than 50 civilians in eastern Bosnia last Christmas ..... Page 12

Health plan launched

A poll showed that 83 per cent of Americans backed President Clinton's health package but respondents were split on whether the proposals would work Page 13

Parents reject marriage as too costly

■ More couples are choosing to remain unmarried after having children because they see marriage as a meaningless, expensive ritual that brings few benefits and often ends with a traumatic divorce. A study conducted by the Policy Studies Institute suggests that fear of divorce is one of the main reasons for the rise in long-term cohabitation ..... Page 3

TONY WHITE

The Booker prize judges with the six books chosen yesterday as the shortlist for the £25,000 award. From left to right are Oliver Todd, Anne Chisholm, Lord Gowrie, Martyn Goff (chairman of the Book Trust), Gillian Beer and Nicholas Clee. Pages 1, 16, 38, 39

BUSINESS

Malaya deal: A billion-pound package of deals was signed by a group of British industrialists on a visit to Kuala Lumpar with John Major. The biggest part was a memorandum of understanding covering the construction of the £2.4 billion airport at Sepang ..... Page 25

Share slump: Shares in the music and rentals group Thorn EMI fell 11p to 977p after two attacks on its American rent-to-buy furniture operation ..... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 5.9 points to 3007.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index slipped from 80.8 to 80.7, falling from $1.5295 to $1.5195 but rising from DM2.4694 to DM2.4748 ..... Page 28

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Olympic Games: David Miller explains why the key to today's vote by the International Olympic Committee is whether the controversies surrounding Peking have been enough to lose it the host-city nomination ..... Pages 3, 42, 48

Football: The French Football Federation has stripped Marseilles of their league title and banned three players because of bribery allegations ..... Page 44

Racing: A Japanese attempt to buy Hernando, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe favourite, has been rebuffed. The colt seems certain to represent his owner-breeder, Stavros Niarchos, in Paris on October 3 ..... Page 45

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES

Terry Anderson, who spent seven years as a hostage in Beirut, has launched a political organisation which he refers to as his Jihad Americana Page 13

Shirley Bassey has been promoting Manchester's Olympic bid in Monte Carlo. She will be joined today by John Major Pages 3, 42, 48

Tom Watson captains the American team in the Ryder Cup tomorrow. He and Europe's Bernard Gallacher are profiled by John Hopkins Pages 46, 48

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Computers enter the polls

■ Ballot papers may soon be a thing of the past. Belgium is to test a system where voters will use a computer screen and light-pen in the polling booth

Europe's drive for victory

■ Will Bernard Gallacher's team win the Ryder Cup? John Hopkins sets the scene for the match between Europe and America's best golfers at The Belfry

Beatles for sale

■ They don't write songs like that anymore, so they just re-issue them. David Sinclair on CDs latest big release: the Beatles red and blue albums

LEADERS

Poland's transition to a free-market economy is examined in *Critical Eye: Poland plc* (Channel 4, 9pm). The programme suggests there was something to be said for communism after all ..... Page 47

OPINION

Fatal attraction

If Paddy Ashdown tied himself to Labour now, he would be swallowed up by the bigger party; the distinctiveness of the Liberal Democrats would disappear ..... Page 19

Papal conscience

The final version of the papal encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, disclosed today in *The Times*, is a severe and morally forthright document ..... Page 19

A faltering engine

There is still a serious financing problem which must be solved by Britain's clearing banks if small business growth is to be the engine of economic recovery ..... Page 19

ANNE McELVOY

Aleksandr Rutskoi and Ruslan Khasbulatov are not mere ghosts in the machine, flung to the fore by fate or by Mr Yeltsin's bad ill-management of the country. They represent a long-standing interpretation of Russia as a land not onlyunsuited to fully fledged capitalism and participatory democracy, but superior to it ..... Page 18

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Many small businesses have come to regard bankers as problem-creaters rather than problem-solvers. The banks' distrust of small business lending is now about equal to small businesses' distrust of bank borrowing ..... Page 18

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Karl Marx would be amused. The coup and counter-coup mounted on Tuesday night by Boris Yeltsin and his parliamentary opponents, had all the trappings of farce .. Page 29

Lessons to be learnt from Millwall by-election result ..... Page 19

Yeltsin's bold coup could help consolidate Russian democracy, economic reforms and more respectful relations with former Soviet republics — *The New York Times*

By backing Yeltsin, Clinton follows a vision of democratic stability. But the truth is that the ability of any outsider to decide Russia's fate is sharply limited — *USA Today*

ARTS

German view: "Dawn came at around 4.30. It was then that I saw the enormous, fantastic concentration of ships out to sea, hundreds of them stretched out for a breadth of three or four miles." Captain Ernst During tells his tale in the D-Day landings series ..... Page 16

Worrying finding: Peanuts have never received a good medical press. Dr Thomas Stuttaford on a new scare ..... Page 17

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On the piste: Chalet holidays are again selling well, proving that nothing is more durable than the British tradition of the house party on the slopes ..... Page 22

Time to rejoice: At last, Hollywood has created a spectacular film that deftly balances characters and action and does not sell the audience short. Geoff Brown welcomes *The Fugitive* ..... Page 35

Zola revisited: Right from the moment the lights dimmed, it was clear that the new regime at the Young Vic was going to be more unconventional than the one it replaced. The theatre's production of *Thérèse Raquin* proved a strange, eclectic mix ..... Page 36

Small screen blues: For 45 years, the Prix Italia television competition has been awfully serious. Lynne Truss found this year's festival even more depressing Page 37

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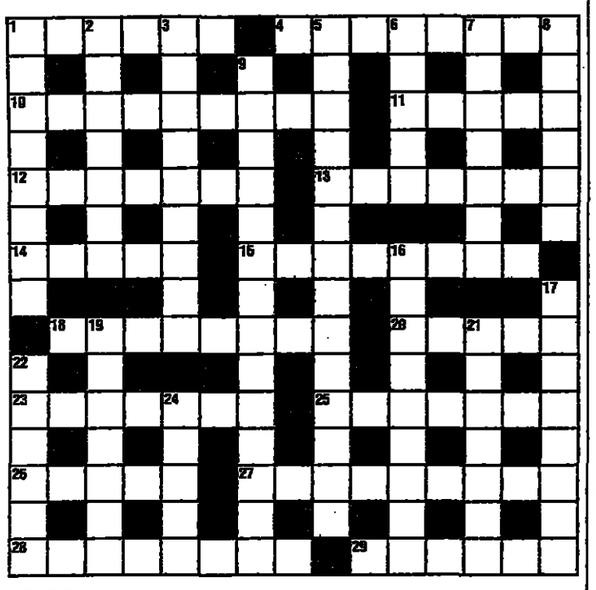

ACROSS

1 Statue fashioned showing great craft (6).
4 A despicable person, a poet, used to carry a weapon (8)
10 Vehicle's entrance (9)
11 *Bill is into good French food* (5).
12 Satisfied with what's inside...(7).
13 ...before child becomes a recluse (7).
14 Eager to play in match (5).
15 Got off with a frivolous newspaperman (8).
18 Film container for television is in order (8).
20 Long time no see no love (5).
23 "Help!", Patsy cried (7).
25 Leading lady in horse race's finish (7).
26 Was I deliberately hiding out of hearing? (5).
27 Wear casual clothes to lecture (5,4).
28 Injured reedling was reluctant to go (8).
29 *Old-fashioned Christmas had by* unsuccessful wildcatter (6).

DOWN

1 Dictator's car an old banger, incomplete (8).
2 He prepares a horse shoe (7).
3 Crude column accepted by news agency (9).
5 Where I clean the incorrectly fired revolver (9,5)
6 Fish the French put in a book (5).
7 Attribute of a theologian (7).
8 Silly fellow of great importance (6).
9 In game (pontoon, perhaps), after deal...(8,6).
16 ...lead to trick, hope treys will fall (3,6).
17 Detain gangster inside (8)
19 Sell something like 9 (7)
21 A girl to be an artist's model must be fat (7)
22 Attack brings 8 trouble . . . (6).
24 . . 21 - nil — attack isn't carried through (5).

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West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
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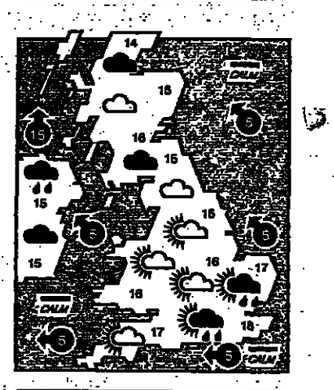
WEATHER

Southern parts and the Midlands will have showers. The rest of the country should be dry, although western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain later in the day. England and Wales will have widespread fog at first, which will be dense in places and slow to disperse. Northern areas will be mostly dry with sunny spells. Outlook: cloud and outbreaks of light rain.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Majorca	29	84	f
Alicante	27	81	s	Malaga	26	79	f
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Malta	25	79	s
Algiers	37	99	s	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Amst'dm	17	63	r	Miami*	33	91	f
Athens	23	73	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Montreal*	16	61	s
Bangkok	32	90	t	Moscow	13	55	s
Barcelona	24	75	t	Munich	23	84	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	28	79	s
Belgrade	23	73	s	Naples	29	84	s
Berlin	20	68	f	N Delhi	32	90	s
Biarritz	14	57	c	N York*	16	61	r
Borde'x	17	63	r	Nice	25	77	s
Brussels	15	59	r	Oslo	15	59	s
Budapest	21	70	s	Paris	17	63	c
B Aires*	13	55	c	Peking	25	77	s
Cairo	37	99	s	Perth	24	75	s
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	24	75	s
Chicago*	15	59	c	Reykjavik	10	50	d
Ch'church	12	54	s	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cologne	21	70	r	Rio de J	22	72	f
C'phagn	13	55	fg	Riyadh	39	102	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	14	57	c	Salzburg	29	84	s
Dubrovnik	26	79	f	S F'sisco*	18	64	s
Faro	23	73	f	Santiago*	11	52	c
Florence	31	88	s	Seoul	26	79	s
Frankfurt	22	72	r	Sing'por	30	86	t
Funchal	22	72	s	St'kholm	15	59	r
Geneva	23	73	r	Strasb'rg	24	75	r
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Sydney	19	66	s
Helsinki	14	57	c	Tangier	21	70	s
Innsbruck	27	81	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	20	68	r	Tenerife	24	75	f
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	16	61	r
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Toronto*	14	57	r
L Palmas	25	77	r	Tunis	31	88	r
La Tquet	14	57	r	Valencia	23	73	r
Lisbon	20	68	r	Venice	24	75	s
Locarno	22	72	c	Vienna	22	72	s
L Angels*	19	66	c	Warsaw	22	72	s
Luxembg	21	70	r	Wash'ton*	21	70	c
Luxor	39	100	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	r
Madrid	20	68	r	Zurich	24	75	s

* denotes figures are latest available

ABOUT BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.5	-	16	64	sunny
Anglesey	7.3	0.33	16	61	shower
Aviemore	9.2	-	17	63	sunny
Belfast	2.8	0.24	15	59	shower
Birmingham	5.2	0.19	17	63	shower
Bognor Regis	7.9	0.04	18	64	shower
Bournemouth	8.1	0.05	18	64	sunny
Bristol	5.3	0.04	17	63	shower
Buxton	3.2	0.10	15	59	shower
Cardiff	4.9	0.34	17	63	shower
Clacton	6.7	0.06	19	66	rain
Colwyn Bay	4.3	0.30	17	63	shower
Edinburgh	6.6	0.01	18	64	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.5	0.44	14	57	cloudy
Exmouth	7.7	0.02	17	63	shower
Falmouth	7.5	0.02	17	63	sunny
Folkestone	8.4	0.12	17	63	sunny
Glasgow	5.9	0.01	17	63	shower
Guernsey	8.5	0.13	19	66	rain
Hastings	8.4	0.01	18	64	sunny
Hunstanton	8.1	0.20	19	66	sunny
Isle of Man	4.9	-	16	61	bright
Jersey	7.3	0.02	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	6.8	-	19	66	bright
Leeds	6.2	0.02	17	63	shower
Lerwick	4.9	-	15	59	sunny
Littlehampton	8.4	0.05	18	64	sunny
Liverpool	2.2	0.08	17	63	shower
London	7.1	0.04	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	5.8	0.01	19	66	sunny
Manchester	3.1	0.07	18	64	thundr
Margate	7.9	0.02	19	66	sunny
Morecambe	3.9	0.11	17	63	rain
Newcastle	5.2	-	18	61	shower
Newquay	5.9	0.06	16	61	bright
Nottingham	3.1	0.17	18	64	shower
Penzance	9.0	0.12	17	63	sunny
Poole	6.2	-	19	66	bright
Salcombe	9.2	0.02	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	6.0	0.23	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.4	0.07	17	63	shower
Shanklin	6.2	0.37	17	63	rain
Southsea	5.4	0.16	18	64	shower
Stornoway	3.3	0.46	16	61	shower
Swanage	7.6	0.04	17	63	sunny
Teignmouth	9.0	0.02	18	64	sunny
Tenby	8.4	0.24	17	63	sunny
Tiree	4.0	0.20	15	59	shower
Torquay	9.5	0.03	17	63	shower
Weymouth	8.0	0.11	18	64	sunny
Wick	5.3	-	18	64	shower

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity 6pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 5pm, 1,013.0 millibars, steady 1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Coningsby, Lincolnshire, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, and Torquay, Devon, 9.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.9hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.5hr.

TOURIST RESORTS

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.405	2.205
Austria Sch	19.48	16.98
Belgium Fr	55.85	51.45
Canada $	2.117	1.957
Cyprus Cypt	0.780	0.730
Denmark Kr	10.71	9.91
Finland Mrk	9.58	8.78
France Fr	9.11	8.41
Germany Dm	2.827	2.417
Greece Dr	389.00	344.00
Hong Kong $	12.40	11.40
Ireland Pt	1.112	1.032
Italy Lire	2495.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	178.50	169.00
Malta	0.627	0.552
Netherlands Gld	2.947	2.717
Norway Kr	11.40	10.60
Portugal Esc	263.50	245.00
South Africa Rd	5.80	5.00
Spain Pta	204.50	190.50
Sweden Kr	13.00	12.20
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.11
Turkey Lira	18600.00	17600.00
USA $	1.615	1.485

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

London 7.27 pm to 6.18 am
Bristol 7.37 pm to 6.28 am
Edinburgh 7.39 pm to 6.30 am
Manchester 7.35 pm to 6.26 am
Penzance 7.48 pm to 6.40 am

Sun rises: 6.48 am — Sun sets: 8.57 pm
Moon sets — Moon rises 3.25 pm

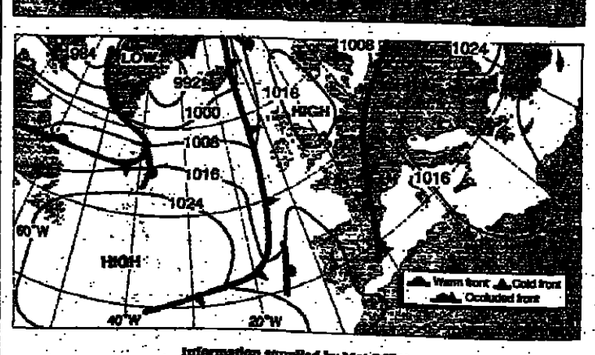
Full moon September 30

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	r	Guernsey	17	63	f
B'mingham	12	54	c	Inverness	15	59	s
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	17	63	f
Bristol	17	63	f	London	17	63	f
Cardiff	17	63	s	M'chester	14	57	f
Edinburgh	14	57	s	Newcastle	17	63	f
Glasgow	13	55	f	R'nldsway	14	57	c

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.35	6.2	8.07	6.3	Liverpool	5.03	7.9	5.35	7.8
Aberdeen	7.43	3.6	8.04	3.5	Lowestoft	3.11	2.2	4.07	2.2
Avonmouth	12.39	10.9	1.07	10.5	Margate	5.40	4.2	6.18	4.3
Belfast	5.20	3.1	5.45	3.0	Milford Haven	—	—	12.20	5.6
Cardiff	12.24	10.2	12.52	9.8	Newquay	11.18	5.7	11.57	5.3
Devonport	11.58	4.6	—	—	Oban	—	—	12.04	3.0
Dover	4.48	5.8	5.24	5.6	Penzance	11.14	4.6	—	—
Falmouth	11.28	4.4	—	—	Portland	—	—	12.24	1.6
Glasgow	6.28	4.6	6.52	4.6	Portsmouth	5.22	4.1	5.46	4.0
Harwich	5.30	3.5	6.05	3.6	Shoreham	4.51	5.3	5.20	5.1
Holyhead	4.25	4.6	4.58	4.7	Southampton	5.03	3.9	5.31	3.9
Hull	—	—	12.32	6.1	Swansea	—	—	12.22	7.8
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.01	7.3	Tees	10.04	4.5	10.27	4.4
King's Lynn	—	—	12.42	5.4	Wilton-on-Nze	5.27	3.7	8.05	3.8
Leith	9.02	4.8	9.23	4.6					



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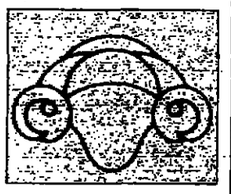

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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5195 (-0.0100)
German mark .. 2.4748 (+0.0054)
Exchange index ..... 80.7 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3007.5 (+5.9)
Dow Jones ... 3537.80 (+0.56)*
Nikkei Avge 20174.62 (-292.03)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5 15/16-6 1/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills. 2.92-2.91%*
Long Bond 6.13%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5205*	£:$	1.5195
$:DM	1.6287*	£:DM	2.4692
$:SWfr	1.4185*	£:SWfr	2.1531
$:Ffr	5.6695*	£:Ffr	8.6080
$:Yen	108.40*	£:Yen	161.57
£:SDR	1.0619	£:ECU	1.2909

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 355.00 ..... PM 354.40
Close 354.00-354.50
New York:
Comex 353.55-354.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.3 August (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

The self-made 12 million-pound man

Medway Ports sold for £104m

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

MERSEY Docks and Harbour, a company part-owned by the government, is making an agreed £104 million takeover bid for Medway Ports, a trust port privatised through an employee buyout only 18 months ago for £14.9 million in cash. After debts are repaid, the profit will amount to £36 million.

Four directors of Medway are expected to receive a total of more than £21 million. The 300 employees, who all own shares, will also make substantial profits, with one docker expected to receive £245,000 and a cleaner set to receive £160,000.

Although the management buyout team originally paid a nominal £29.7 million for the business, which owns the port of Sheerness on the river Medway in Kent, half the money went to the Treasury, and the rest was returned to the business, in line with requirements of privatisation legislation.

The low price and gearing effect of a small share capital will mean that employee and institutional investors who paid £1 a share will now receive £37.25 for each share.

While that is an unexpected blessing for the workforce, it provides scant consolation for 100 dockers who were obliged to sell their shares at £2.50 when they were made redundant in March. The shares were independently valued by KPMG Peat Marwick.

Peter Vincent, 48, the chief executive of Medway, who started work in the port at the age of 16, expects to receive £12 million in cash and shares. The finance director, Philippa Gilham, is likely to make more than £4 million, while Les Brown, the company secretary, will probably receive more than £3.5 million. AR Winter, the chairman, will make more than £1.5 million. Exact figures will depend on the company's performance.

Mr Vincent, Ms Gilham and Mr Brown will also each receive a bonus of £125,000 on completion of the deal.

Gordon Waddell, the chairman of Mersey Dock, said it was "odd" that a company with a government shareholder should be buying a privatised port, but the government stake in Mersey would be diluted from 20 per cent to about 15 per cent as a result of the deal.

Mersey Dock will pay for the acquisition with a two-for-five rights issue at 330p a share to raise £75.6 million. Mersey's gearing, after completion, will be 20 per cent.

Peter Vincent will reap about £12m from the sale of the dockyard where he started his working life at the age of 16

UK firms win £1bn of Malaysian deals

By Ross Tieman and Nicholas Wood

■ A huge batch of Far East orders will help the government demonstrate its commitment to manufacturing as a means of tackling unemployment and the trade gap

A BILLION-POUND package of deals involving British business was unveiled by industrialists visiting Kuala Lumpur with John Major yesterday.

Signing of the projects — ranging from construction contracts to manufacturing joint ventures — was stage-managed by Britain's industry department to draw attention to the prime minister's new-style export drive.

The announcements, like those that accompanied Mr Major's visit to India and the Middle East earlier this year, appear designed to show the government's commitment to manufacturing as a means of tackling both unemployment and the trade deficit.

Thirteen of Britain's leading industrialists either travelled to Malaysia with Mr Major from Japan or flew in from Britain to coincide with his official visit. They included Lord Prior, chairman of GEC; Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace; and Sir Ralph Robins, chairman of Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine group.

The most spectacular deal involves contractors participating in the Anglo Japanese Airport Consortium, which yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding for the design and construction of a new airport to serve the Malaysian capital.

The project, valued by British officials at US$3.5 billion but by Malaysian officials at up to US$8 billion, is intended to be finished by the start of 1998, in time for the Commonwealth Games. The consortium is made up of Balfour Beatty, Trafalgar House Construction, GEC and two Japanese partners — Gammon and Marubeni Corporation.

Sir Robin Biggam, chairman of BICC, said his company was delighted to be involved in "what is undoubtedly one of the most ambitious transportation infrastructure developments in the world".

Trafalgar House is involved in two other projects unveiled yesterday. The first is a joint venture with Edaran Otomobil Nasional to build and operate a steel fabrication plant in the Klang Valley. The facility will provide structures for the petrochemical, power generation and infrastructure sectors.

John Brown, a subsidiary, has also been awarded a £120 million turnkey contract to build a gas burning power station at Pasir Gudang.

British Gas has achieved a major advance in its overseas ambitions with an agreement to take a stake in a combined cycle gas burning power station, to be built near Kuala Lumpur.

A joint venture to build buses in Malaysia is being set up by Trinity Holdings. The company will supply chassis kits from its Dennis plant at Guildford, Surrey, and body kits from the Duple Mersec factory at Tipton, West Midlands, to the company established with UMW in Malaysia.

Mr Major said his trip to Japan and Malaysia had proved very fruitful. He said: "Overall, business at the moment currently under discussion is worth at least £1 billion over the forthcoming year. Our current and continuing exports to Malaysia are sufficient to support around 25,000 jobs in the UK.

"Today's contracts secure many thousands more jobs in Britain in due course."

Thorn EMI bruised by attacks on US offshoot

By Philip Robinson and Jon Ashworth

THORN EMI, the music to rentals group headed by Sir Colin Southgate, was knocked yesterday by two attacks on its highly lucrative American rent-to-buy furniture operation.

Shares fell 11p to 977p in London on a *Wall Street Journal* report alleging that Rent-A-Center, Thorn's single-largest profit earner, used motorcycle gangs to intimidate customers and faces Federal action aimed at capping the level of its interest rates.

Thorn has denied the most extreme of the *Wall Street Journal*'s allegations. Meanwhile, the state of Pennsylvania is poised to sue Rent-A-Center for breach of interest rate charges and violation of debt collecting rules. Analysts fear the impact of a successful multi-million dollar claim on Thorn's profits.

In a second threat, Henry Gonzalez, chairman of the US House Banking Committee, is due to introduce proposals that would formally classify Thorn's business as a credit operation and cap the interest rates it can charge. About 30 US states limit the annual rate at 21 per cent. Pennsylvania limits it to 18 per cent.

Thorn reacted angrily to allegations of heavy-handed sales techniques, saying they appeared to stem from rumours by disgruntled former staff. Debt collectors from Rent-A-Center are alleged to have accepted sexual favours in exchange for not repossessing furniture and then taken it back anyway, enlisted the help of a Hell's Angels gang, taken back the refrigerator of a diabetic and left her insulin on the floor, and dressed up on Hallowe'en night as a Cookie Monster, a gorilla and an alien to gain access to a home in order to take back an entertainment system on which payments had been missed for three months. A Thorn EMI spokeswoman said: "The US management is looking seriously at the allegations, but some are made by employees who left well over a year ago." She played down the threat of the Gonzalez proposals, saying they were in draft form only.

Pennsylvania says Rent-A-Center has been charging annual rates of up to 400 per cent. Thorn now makes as much money renting refrigerators, televisions and videos as it does from record sales.

Renardo Hicks, director of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said: "They have been making a killing, many of the products they rent are used and they have been making a significant amount of profit and have violated our debt collection regulations using threats and allegations of arrest."

Mr Hicks said Rent-A-Center was charging $1,200 for a 19-inch colour television that sold at $300 and under its credit laws should have cost just over $354. "We are on the brink of filing a lawsuit," he said. The move comes after a 12-month investigation by agents from seven regional offices who posed as customers.

Pennsylvania says it is currently talking with Rent-A-Center, which has 18 stores in the state, about a settlement out of court. But it will insist interest rates are dropped to 18 per cent and it pays a rebate to customers of the difference between 18 per cent and the rates charged since rates were capped in 1989. Thorn bought Rent-A-Center for $594 million in 1987 and has expanded it from 495 to 1,200 stores. Operating profits in the year to March were $90 million on $560.3 million turnover.

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How the boat came in at private dock

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Financial markets are there to reconcile different views on what things are worth. But there are limits. In March, KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm, valued shares in Medway Ports at £2.50 each. Six months later, the directors of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company have valued them at £37.25 each, including a dividend of £4.43 per share declared by the Medway board.

The circumstances are, quite naturally, different. Mersey Docks is making an agreed takeover bid for an unquoted company. The earlier valuation was for shares that departing employees were forced, under the terms of the March 1992 buyout from the Medway Port Authority, to sell back to the company, which passed them on to other employees and outside investors. Even so, unless circumstances had changed dramatically in between, either Peat Marwick or Mersey Docks and its advisers appear to have been way off the mark in valuing shares whose price has multiplied fifteen-fold in six months.

Medway owes its existence to one of those murky byways of privatisation that deserved more attention than they received. After privatising most state ports via Associated British Ports, and abolishing the dock labour scheme, the government wanted to make docks fully commercial. That involved privatising the ports owned by trusts that had no obvious owners and whose sole purpose was to run their ports.

Ministers had been here before. When TSB was to be floated, the Treasury decided, despite a subsequent Law Lords ruling that TSB banks had been state property, that no one owned them and that sale proceeds should go back into the private company. As so often when sudden riches arrive, most were lost on ventures into merchant banking, insurance and estate agency.

For the trust ports, government enacted that half the sale price should go to the Exchequer and half to the port company. Trustees selling their ports therefore essentially had to decide how much the government would get. In the case of Medway, it was about £15 million for a company with pre-tax profits of about £4 million before exceptional items and net book assets of £17 million. As Mersey recently discovered, Medway also had an option granted at 1984 prices by the Ministry of Defence to buy the freehold of 120 acres of Chatham Docks land close to local developments for £2.3 million — another privatisation curiosity.

Less than two years ago, Mersey Docks decided not to bid against the offer constructed by Peter Vincent and his management. It is now prepared to pay £66 million for Medway's ordinary capital, buy a further £15 million of preference shares and take on £23 million of debt. There was, as it turned out, a good commercial reason for this. After the end of the dock labour scheme, Mersey Docks, which had endured years of fire and emerged in a new form, made 300 more dockers redundant through an agreed scheme costing £10.7 million.

The old Medway trust port had some way to go in de-manning. Mr Vincent, it turned out, was prepared to take a much more robust approach. Most employees were presented with radically new terms of employment and ways of working at the end of 1992. As is the way in such affairs, there is some dispute over what happened next, but 340 of the 700 employees were made redundant in March, with three months' money, and are now claiming unfair dismissal. Mersey "does not consider the outcome of this litigation will have a material adverse effect". Medway now has 260 employees, supplemented by labour-only sub-contractors, including former dockers.

The £1.13 million cost of severance, provided in Medway's 1992 accounts, averages £3,340 per employee. That is less than a tenth of the cost of Mersey's severance scheme. Mersey avoided the flak and Mr Vincent is the prime beneficiary, receiving £12 million in cash and shares and a one-off bonus payment. That necessary de-manning surely accounts, at least in part, for the sudden rise in the value of Medway and its employees' shares. Sadly, although the cost was apportioned to 1992, the employees who lost their jobs and their shares did not receive any of the benefit.

RED ALERT

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Governor gives warning over ERM

■ The Governor of the Bank of England believes that policy needs across Europe will not converge sufficiently to support a restoration of the ERM's narrow bands

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE George, governor of the Bank of England, yesterday gave a warning against the temptation to rush to rebuild the European exchange-rate mechanism, saying the financial markets would first have to be convinced that policymakers were agreed on economic policies.

Speaking to businessmen at the American Chamber of Commerce in London, a year after sterling was forced out of the ERM, Mr George nevertheless said exchange rate stability was important: "Exchange rates are too important to be a matter of indifference. Exchange rate stability within Europe is necessary to the realisation of the full economic benefits of the single market and as a protection against sliding back into economic nationalism."

The ERM's narrow bands collapsed last month following repeated speculation against the weaker currencies. Since then, member currencies, apart from Germany and The Netherlands, have been allowed to vary by as much as 15 per cent either side of their central rate instead of the previous 2.25 per cent and 6 per cent bands.

Mr George argued that the existing loose exchange rate bands should be maintained while European Community members pursued co-ordinated economic policies, including a commitment to low inflation and fiscal prudence. "If they were consistently and successfully pursued by each individual member country that would go some considerable way towards delivering de facto exchange rate stability between member currencies in the medium term," he said. This would still allow "flexibility to accommodate short-term tensions through exchange rate movements and the exchange markets would not in general have fixed targets at which to aim," he said.

German interest rates were off their peak, and there were signs of recovery in other economies, Mr George said: "There will, in that case, be a temptation to restore narrower margins and put Humpty Dumpty together again. But unemployment seems certain to go on rising in Europe for some time to come, and it is not at all clear that policy needs will converge again at all quickly."

He made a thinly veiled attack on suggestions from Jacques Delors, European Commission president, that there should be temporary capital controls on foreigners engaged in short-term speculation against European currencies. And he dismissed suggestions of a plot by Anglo-Saxon speculators who, acting collectively, deliberately and wilfully, set out to wreck the ERM.

Eddie George said exchange rate stability within Europe was necessary to gain the full benefit of the single market

More good economic news for Britain

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S trade gap with countries outside the European Community narrowed last month, according to government figures yesterday.

They follow better-than-expected figures earlier this week on both economic growth and Britain's overall balance of payments. The latest batch of statistics are in contrast to recent economic news and suggest that while the recovery is not spectacular, it is both clearly under way and running steadily.

The value of imports to the UK from countries outside the EC exceeded the value of exports to them by £570 million in August, down from £698 million in the previous month. This £100 million improvement in the non-EC deficit maintained the generally falling trend of the figures throughout this year, as imports continued to fall and exports continued to rise. The £600 million gap is the smallest deficit since for almost three years.

Non-EC trade accounts for about half of all the UK's world trade. British trade figures with other EC states have been suspended since the ending of customs declarations with the start of the EC single market last January, but full EC trade figures will be available again on October 11. Seasonally adjusted, the value of non-EC exports in August totalled £4,873 million, a 1.5 per cent increase on July, while imports stood at £5,443 million, a 1 per cent decrease. In overall terms, the value of imports and exports are both up by about 10 per cent over the year, though in the last three months growth has been confined to exports.

Within the overall total, the balance of finished manufactured goods — imports set against exports — almost halved from the three months ending in May to the three months ending in August from £1,592 million to £798 million.

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Names set to sue Arthur Andersen

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

ARTHUR Andersen, the accountancy firm, is expected to be sued for hundreds of millions of pounds in two separate legal actions by Lloyd's syndicates.

Cuthbert Heath syndicate 404 has put Andersens on notice that legal action is likely to commence in relation to its role as auditor, while Feltrim Names Action Group is expected to serve a writ on the firm in the next two months.

Alan Porter, chairman of the Cuthbert Heath Names Association, said: "The claim against Arthur Andersen is that they negligently issued a clean audit certificate in connection with the 1989 underwriting year."

Syndicate 404's losses for the 1989 year, which has been left open, stand at £70 million but are expected to deteriorate further.

The losses, which have fallen on 2,491 names, relate to long-tail asbestosis and pollution claims.

Mr Porter said that other action groups were also looking closely at the possibility of taking action against the auditors, including Devonshire Names Action Group, whose names are among the hardest hit in the insurance market as a result of the excess of loss spiral.

Earlier this year, a report revealed that the three Devonshire syndicates' losses are likely to reach £450 million, spread over about 2,000 names.

Names on the Feltrim syndicates have lost nearly £700 million. The Gooda Walker Action Group has reserved the right to take action.

Several syndicates have served writs on their auditors, including Merrett 418 (1985) Names' Association, which has started proceedings against Ernst & Young.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cantab to seek listing under relaxed SE rules

CANTAB Pharmaceuticals is set to exploit a relaxation in Stock Exchange rules allowing drug companies and gain a listing without the usual three-year profit record. The Cambridge company, involved in research and development of naturally occurring or genetically engineered biological materials to treat diseases, will have a market capitalisation of £50 million after the share placing.

The placing will raise £15 million to £20 million, which with £7.2 million of cash resources, will finance current and new R&D programmes. The proceeds raised will be used to meet the company's funding requirements for at least two years. Cantab, which is not expected to generate revenues before 1997, lost £1.2 million in the first six months of 1993 and £1.4 million in 1992 as a whole. Cantab will issue a final prospectus on October 19 and start dealings on October 25.

Vodafone answers

VODAFONE has announced new lower call tariffs on its MetroDigital system, a direct rival to Mercury's One-2-One digital network. Vodafone announced its original tariff structure for the new network last June, but yesterday revealed an additional more competitive tariff regime and a special deal on the cost of the £240 handset. The lower tariffs will only be offered on calls made from a "Home Cell", a specified location at home or work. Tempus, page 29

Gold loses lustre

GOLD and other precious metals ended yesterday back where they started after the speculative reaction to events in Russia ran out of steam. Analysts said supplies of palladium, platinum and gold from Russia are unlikely to be disrupted because of developments in Moscow, though they conceded that precious metal markets will remain choppy for a while. Traders note that similar rallies in precious metal prices following the Soviet coup and the Gulf war were short-lived.

Alumasc buys company

ALUMASC Group, the beer barrel maker with interests in building products, is buying MR Holdings, the wall-insulation company, for an initial £6.4 million, to be satisifed by a vendor placing of 552,000 shares and £2.4 million in cash. Alumasc reported a third consecutive year of record results with pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 at £7.55 million (£7.2 million) on a turnover of £44.9 million (£45.3 million). A final dividend of 8.05p makes 11.75p (11p) for the year.

Directors' pay edges up

BOARDROOM pay remains under pressure, according to the latest survey from the Monks Partnership. The average increase in the base salary of main board director was 5 per cent for the year to July, compared with 7.7 per cent previously. However, directors of subsidiary companies fared better with rises of 6 per cent against 7.9 per cent a year ago. One third of directors received no bonus but 27 per cent earned a bonus worth more than 20 per cent of base salary.

Insurer sheds 250 jobs

ZURICH Insurance, the UK's ninth-largest insurance company, which acquired the local authority business of Municipal Mutual Insurance last year, is cutting 250 jobs as part of a restructuring plan. Those losing their jobs are among the 1,500 former MMI staff who transferred to Zurich. The company is closing six of MMI's regional offices and the core business underwriting will be centralised in Farnborough with claims handling in eight regional centres.

Spirax-Sarco edges up

SPIRAX-SARCO Engineering says that, for the third consecutive year, it sees no tangible sign of improved trading in its markets. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 rose from £10.5 million to £11.4 million, of which £1.2 million was a currency benefit, on a turnover up from £81.4 million to £90.8 million. The company is proposing an enhanced scrip dividend alternative, and proposes 6.6p as an interim dividend, the same as last year's final dividend.

BM agrees loan facility

BM GROUP, the construction equipment maker engaged in restructuring to cut debts of about £100 million, has agreed lending facilities until the end of 1994. BM, which has made several disposals to cut debts, said that the £7 million cost of arranging facilities will be taken in accounts for the year to end-June, 1993. Lender banks, led by National Westminster, have given committed facilities in exchange for fixed and floating security on certain assets. The shares rose 1¼p to 24p.

Funds for housing club

FIVE housing associations have clubbed together to raise £31.5 million through a debenture issue, the seventh club deal of its kind and the second for a group of housing associations. The funds are being raised by HACO, a special vehicle, and then lent to five out of nine participating associations, among them East London Housing Association, which will receive £10 million. The debenture has a 25-year maturity and pays a 10⅝ per cent annual coupon.

Tilbury Douglas warns

TILBURY Douglas, the West Midlands construction group, gave a warning that difficult trading conditions would probably continue "well into next year". The company revealed interim pre-tax profits up from £7 million to £12.8 million, although the latest figure includes a £6.8 million profit from the sale of its Douglas Concrete and Aggregates subsidiary last May. The interim dividend for the six months to end-June is held at 10.5p on earnings of 26.9p (13.9p).

Downey resigns as PIA head

BY SARA MCCONNELL

SIR Gordon Downey has resigned as chairman of the proposed Personal Investment Authority (PIA) after less than a year in the post. Insiders said the announcement had come as a total surprise. He is to be replaced by Joe Palmer, a former chief executive of Legal & General, the life office, and former chairman of the Association of British Insurers.

Work has been going on for a year to establish the PIA as a single regulator for retail investment business following widespread criticism of the present complex regulatory system. However, the setting up of the proposed regulator has been fraught with difficulty and there are suggestions that Sir Gordon came under pressure to resign because the PIA's development had lost momentum.

Sir Gordon: surprise

In a letter of resignation to Andrew Large, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), Sir Gordon says: "Substantial agreement has been reached by the PIA board on the way forward. The outstanding issues which remain are being tackled by PIA working parties... We now have to consider the next phase. An early requirement is to reconstruct the PIA board in a form which will effect the transition from design to operation... I do not see myself continuing into the operational phase."

SIB would not say whether this was a reference to the public falling out between Mr Large and Sir Gordon earlier this year, when Mr Large said SIB wanted a majority of public interest members on the PIA board.

Mr Palmer has resigned as a member of the SIB board and several others to take up his new post.

IMF calls for new attack on Britain's public sector deficit

FROM JANET BUSH IN WASHINGTON

BRITAIN must take further action to tackle its public sector deficit, on top of measures announced in the last Budget, so as to ensure sustainable growth, according to the International Monetary Fund's latest *World Economic Outlook*.

The forecast, issued in Washington last night, predicts UK growth of 1.8 per cent this year, considerably above the 1.25 per cent that the March Budget assumed and also above the 1.6 per cent more recently predicted by John Major.

The IMF estimated that the structural part of Britain's deficit probably accounts for about 5 per cent of gross domestic product this year and that this deficit, coupled with the weak international environment, "poses significant risks to the outlook".

Michael Mussa, director of the IMF Research Department, said that Britain should employ both tax increases and spending cuts to tackle the deficit. He also said that some industrialised countries, Britain included, should try to achieve budget surpluses in order to meet the future costs of an ageing population.

The IMF forecast for the world economy this year is unchanged overall from the 2.2 per cent growth it predicted in April. However, the Fund has revised down its view of growth in industrialised countries to only 1.1 per cent, from the 1.7 per cent estimated in April.

The IMF's annual meeting this week takes place in the fourth year of what it has termed "sub-par growth performance of the world economy". It said yesterday that indications of stronger growth in 1994 are still only tentative.

The IMF's latest forecast puts growth in the US at 2.7 per cent this year, and it now expects Japan to show slightly negative growth of 0.1 per cent and the countries of the EC to contract by 0.2 per cent overall this year, with Germany dropping 2.2 per cent.

Mr Mussa acknowledged that, in spite of the most recent downward revisions of estimates of world growth, there are significant risks that it could be even lower.

Discussing the abandonment of narrow bands in the European exchange-rate mechanism at the start of August, the IMF argues for more adventurous use of the monetary flexibility inherent in wider bands. Although acknowledging a need to proceed relatively cautiously to maintain confidence that policymakers have one eye on inflation, the Fund says: "As a matter of great urgency, economic policies must move to support durable recoveries without which reductions of unemployment and fiscal deficits will be impossible and economic convergence would be meaningless."

The IMF argues that European countries should cut interest rates to secure recovery and should not resist depreciations in their currencies, which, it said, would only be temporary. It also said that a general depreciation of European currencies against the US and Japan should not be seen as negative.

The interim committee of the IMF, which meets at the weekend, is expected to call on European nations to lower interest rates. The US sees no economic objection to some form of co-ordinated interest rate cuts in Europe, even independent of Germany.

The IMF argues that easier monetary policy in Europe would have to be accompanied by action to rein in excessive budget deficits and to reform labour markets, expressing the fear that persistent unemployment will exacerbate what are already thought to be growing demands for protectionism. It is predicted that unemployment may rise further throughout most of 1994, particularly in Europe. The immediate priority in tackling it is to secure a correct mix in macro-economic policy — generally tighter fiscal policy and looser monetary policy.

The IMF also calls for structural reforms, many of which have resonance in current British debates, including adjusting eligibility for social security benefits and adjusting labour market regulations that hamper job searches, wage flexibity and employment creation.

New chairman sacks founder of Spring Ram

BY CARL MORTISHED

ROGER Regan, Spring Ram's new chairman, told the City yesterday the meteoric growth of the kitchens and bathrooms group was over as he revealed losses of £36 million for the six months to June 30.

Three board directors, including Bill Rooney, the company's chief executive and founder, Ron Farr and David Riley have been asked to resign without compensation. Only one main board director, Alan Bell, in charge of the profitable kitchens division, has survived Mr Regan's new broom. The clear-out is also extending to Arthur Andersen, the auditor, which is to be replaced by Price Waterhouse while BZW is taking over from Panmure Gordon as stockbroking adviser.

Mr Regan said the departing directors had service contracts of one to three years. A sum had been provided within a £6 million corporate reconstruction provision for claims, but Mr Regan does not believe any compensation will be requested by Mr Rooney. A consortium of institutional shareholders, including the Prudential, demanded management changes after a succession of profit warnings and accounting irregularities at a subsidiary.

According to Mr Regan, management accounts available to Mr Rooney and his colleagues, showed a trading loss for the five-month period to May 29 with half of the group's businesses losing money and a large level of borrowings. In June, Spring Ram warned shareholders that profits for the first half of 1993 would be substantially lower than the previous year.

■ Departing Spring Ram directors had service contracts of between one and three years but they have been asked to resign without compensation. Auditors will also go

The interim losses include non-recurring charges of £30 million including provisions against stock and doubtful debts as well corporate reconstruction costs. Stripping out one-off costs, the underlying trading loss for the period is £4.8 million. Accounts for the previous year have been restated, reducing the 1992 interim profit from £18.4 million to £8.2 million after the introduction of more conservative accounting policies. These take full-year 1992 profit of £26 million down to a restated £21 million. Mr Regan said the restatement was designed to give shareholders absolute clarity. "We have ploughed this field very thoroughly and believe we have removed all the skeletons." He blamed the deterioration in the company's fortunes on a failure to keep control of cash as the company accumulated a large number of small loss-making businesses. "Our review has revealed disturbing issues of management competence" he said. Two new businesses, Regency Doors and Artisan Tiles, which have absorbed £40 million of capital expenditure, continue to make losses. The cash outflow has sent gearing up to 39 per cent from almost nil in previous years.

Mr Regan held out the promise to shareholders of a progressive dividend policy when profits are restored and a drive for exports. "We can move to £60 million of exports in three years from £19 million today." No big redundancies or closures were planned, he said, as sales had risen from £89 million to £115 million and orders were at record levels.

The company has appointed Rob Hassell as export director and Steve Brown as group development director.

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Sir Lawrie, at Barratt's Rotherhithe, London, development yesterday, predicted a slow but sustained recovery

Dividend doubled at buoyant Barratt

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

SHARES in Barratt Developments rose 7p to 179p on news that pre-tax profits at Sir Lawrie Barratt's housebuilder had risen to £20.4 million (£11.3 million) in the year to end-June and the total dividend is being doubled 4p (2p) via a 3p final.

However, the improvement was not at the operating level, at which profits fell 4 per cent to £27.3 million, but through a lower interest bill. This, in turn, was due to what Frank Eaton, chief executive, called "the liquidation of assets not giving us a return". Conditions remained tough in the UK and the US, with 4,988 (4,706) completed sales. Barratt aims to increase this to 8,000 over three years.

The American subsidiary in southern California, which incurred an unchanged trading loss of £700,000, suffered a fall in completions from 541 to 354.

Sir Lawrie, executive chairman, said the groundwork was in place on both sides of the Atlantic "for a slow but sustained recovery". He cited the fall in the ratio of house prices to incomes, now at its lowest since 1970, and mortgage interest rates at their lowest since 1968. Group debts are down from £205 million two years ago, when Barratt incurred a £106 million loss, to £43 million. Earnings rose from 7.9p to 9.3p a share.

Sir Lawrie dismissed talk of a rights issue as unfounded speculation.

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City expects MGN sale details to be announced

BY MELVYN MARCKUS CITY EDITOR

CITY institutions expect Mirror Group Newspapers' EGM, today, to be a curtain raiser for the £350 million-plus sale of the 54.8 per cent stake held by John Talbot, of accountants Arthur Andersen, the joint administrator of the late Robert Maxwell's web of private companies.

Mr Talbot confirmed last week that he was planning an offering of the stock, and appointing N M Rothschild, the merchant bank, and Cazenove, the stockbroker, to spearhead the sale. S G Warburg Securities, NatWest Securities and James Capel will add placing-power muscle.

MGN shares shaded 1p to 177p yesterday, against a high of 186p after MGN reported mid-year pre-tax profits of £69.9 million (£15.3 million).

Speculation that Rothschilds has already embarked on a book building exercise — sounding out potential investors as to how much stock they may be prepared to buy and at what price — is premature, but a formal book building exercise is expected soon.

At current levels, the administrator's 54.8 per cent block is worth £388 million. Selling at 160p would raise £351.4 million but Rothschild and Cazenove are intent on selling at a minimal discount to the market. NatWest, Midland, Lloyds and Goldman Sachs have loans of £300 million secured on the stake.

Leaner Next fashions a 177% advance in profit

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

RECOVERY at Next shows no sign of slackening as the High Street fashion group posted a 177 per cent rise in profit, to beat analysts' expectations by a wide margin.

Pre-tax profits surged from £8.3 million to £23 million for the six months to July 31, boosted by a particularly strong performance from the Next retail stores.

Group turnover was up by 9.7 per cent from £212.6 million to £233.2 million, with the stores posting a 16.2 per cent rise in sales despite a small reduction in selling space.

Sales per square foot rose from £167 to £198, against the same period last year, and Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, the chairman of Next, said he believed the figures could go even higher.

The process of rationalising under-performing stores continued, with a further 18 closures in the first half. Next now has 298 stores, compared with 425 just two years ago. However, the group expects to open between seven and ten outlets in the coming year, the first expansion for the group in three years. Lord Wolfson believes the chain is close to its maximum scale.

The group, of which David Jones is chief executive, opened its first store in Boston, Massachusetts, this month, but will not open further outlets until its performance has been assessed. Start-up costs of £1.1 million have been written off in the interim accounts.

Closer links with the retail chain benefited Next Directory, where sales rose by 8.8 per cent. By carrying the same stock as the Next stores, the Directory also improved customer service levels and margins.

Club 24, the credit operation, again reduced its borrowings, this time from £53 million to £33 million, during the period. Although the group has net cash balances of £48 million, Lord Wolfson has no immediate plans to use the money. He said: "We should not be worrying about what to spend the cash on. We should concentrate on running our business. The only way to grow is by doing what we do better."

The price of shares in Next rose 4½p to 208½p.

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David Jones at one of a reduced number of Next stores

Sales rise at restaurants helps Pizza up to £1.4m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

PIZZAEXPRESS, the restaurant chain that came to the market earlier this year through a reverse takeover of Star Computer, saw its pre-tax profits rise from £119,000 to £1.4 million for the year to June 30.

The figure was boosted by four and a half months' contribution from the restaurant and distribution businesses.

Sales were up by 8 per cent across the PizzaExpress chain, because of higher customer volumes and increased spend per head. Four new outlets were opened in the period and a further four are planned.

The group intends to reduce the number of franchise restaurants in favour of company-managed ones.

The computer operations, which produced a "disappointing" performance, are to be sold, for £2.2 million, to DB1993, a company set up by David Blechner, a former director of PizzaExpress who resigned this week.

Due to the timing of the capital reconstruction outlined at the time of the PizzaExpress acquisition, no final dividend is proposed, but a first interim dividend, of 0.5p, for the year to June 30, 1994, has been brought forward for payment on November 19.

Fleming rings for China trust funds

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

WITH a merchant banker's neat sense of timing, Robert Fleming is today calling for £60 million of investment funds to give birth to The Fleming Chinese Investment Trust. The trust's investment focus will be on the economic growth and investment opportunities associated with China.

Today is also the day the world will hear whether Peking, Manchester, Sydney, Instanbul or Berlin has been chosen to host the millennium Olympics, though Fleming insists that the timing is purely coincidental.

Lord Mark Fitzalan Howard, chairman of Fleming Investment Trust Management, says China as a nation and China as an economy "has caught the public's imagination". He adds that £45 million has been effectively subscribed to the closed-end fund, leaving £15 million to be raised via a placing and public offer at 100p, with warrants attached. The minimum investment is £1,500.

There are about 100 companies quoted on China's two stock exchanges, though the investment trust will be confined to holding the B shares that are issued by 30 of the 100 and which are reserved solely for foreigners. The trust will also invest in companies with a China bent that are quoted in Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea, as well as non-Chinese companies, a material part of whose revenues and/or profits are derived from activities in or trading with the mainland. The growth in China's real GNP has averaged 9 per cent per annum between 1978 and 1992. The local appetite for equities has grown dramatically since the Shanghai stock exchange was opened in 1990 and the Shenzhen exchange opened in 1991. Fleming has been managing investments in China since 1987, has a representative office in Shanghai, and was one of the first foreign securities firms to gain a seat on the two exchanges last year. The trust's board is full of old China hands, with Michael Miles, former chairman of Cathay Pacific Airways, chairman.

Another example of neat timing is that the offer opens today, closes on October 8 and dealings start on October 19 — straddling both China's National Day on October 1 and Taiwan's National Day (known to old Far East hands as Double Ten) on October 10.

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Investors shrug off fears of a civil war in Russia

STOCK MARKET

THE London stock market staged a strong turn round and moved into positive territory as investors shrugged off fears about a civil war in the former Soviet Union.

Market-makers responded to news of the 38-point fall overnight on Wall Street by marking prices sharply lower initially. But there was little real selling pressure and the appearance of a few cheap buyers and a protected buy programme enabled the FT-SE 100 index to stage a 32-point turnround. It climbed back above the 3,000 level to end the session 5.9 better at 3,007.5. Turnover rose to 670 million shares.

Dealers said losses had been restricted by the neutral stance adopted by the Russian army. An opening rise in the Dow Jones average during the resumption of trading in New York yesterday also succeeded in soothing any remaining frayed nerves.

Dealers reported support for those companies with an international flavour. This included **Unilever**, up 19p at £10.87, **Reuters**, 10p better at £15.29, and **British Airways**, 11p higher at 357p.

Oil shares sported early gains in the belief that Russian oil supplies may be distrupted by an escalation of the problems.

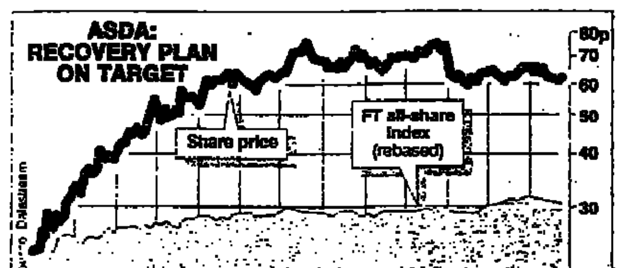
But prices closed below their best after Lehman Brothers in New York turned bearish of the sector. **BP** finished 1½p better at 302½p, **Lasmo**, 3p at 140p, and **Hardy Oil**, at 162p.

The drug companies recovered early losses to end with small gains on the day anxiously awaiting President Clinton's healthcare reform proposals. Among the leaders **Glaxo** rose 11p to 641p, **SmithKline Beecham 'A'**, 18p to 425p, **Wellcome**, 6p to 718p, and **Zeneca**, 14p to 727p.

Thorn EMI fell 11p to 977p after a report in the *Wall Street Journal* alleged Rent-A-Center, the group's American television rental business, hasadopted some unorthodox business practices.

Talk of a big bid persists in the financial sector. Two names being bandied about by speculators are **Sun Alliance**, up 6p at 379p, and **TSB**, 1p firmer at 209p, after 204p.

Asda recovered an early fall to close ¼p firmer at 62p after some confident remarks from Patrick Gillam, the chairman, to shareholders at the annual meeting. He told them that the recovery programme was firmly on course with the results from recent store conversions up to expectations.



The rest of the food retailers remained under a cloud after disappointing interim figures from Tesco earlier in the week. Analysts are worried about the continual pressure on margins and fear an escalation of the price war. **Argyll** slipped 2p to 303p, **J. Sainsbury**, 9p to 440p, **Tesco**, 3p to 208p and **Iceland** 3p to 209p.

Robert Fleming, the broker, says the the big three, Sainsbury, Tesco and Argyll, face three difficult years with profit growth blighted by low food price inflation and like-for-like sales growth. A rally by the sector short-term is unlikely and a lot will now depend on the pace of economic recovery. Fleming says it is too late to sell Sainsbury and Tesco but right to buy Argyll with a 5 per cent prospective yield. Elsewhere, it is a buyer of Asda and Kwik Save, 1p firmer at 706p.

Spring Ram, the kitchen and bathroom equipment group, rallied 9p to 69p as the group tried to soothe City fears by announcing that despite its problems, underlying sales remained strong. Sales in July and August were ahead of last year and the order books were at record highs. At the same time, the group has reported a first-half loss of £36.4 million compared with re-stated profits of £8.2 million. Roger Regan, the newly appointed chairman, has sacked Panmure Gordon as the company's broker and Arthur Anderson as the auditor and replaced them with BZW and Price Waterhouse. He has also asked for the resignation of co-founder Bill Rooney and several senior managers.

Next celebrated some better than expected figures with a 4p rise to 208p. Pre-tax profits for the half year were up from £8.3 million to £23 million. The figure was boosted by an another strong performance from the retailing division, further growth at the Next directory and a return to profit at Club 24.

Crockfords, the casino operator which recently reversed into TV-am, held steady at 90p as an agency cross was operated in 5.7 million shares at 90p. They may have been part of the rump of the recent rights issue which was 46.6 per cent taken up by investors.

☐ **Gilt-edged** were unsettled by events in Russia and the subsequent fall in other European bond markets. On the futures market, the December series of the **Long Gilt** fell £9/32 to £111 27/32 as 40,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market the yield curve steepened as the longer end bore the brunt of the losses with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** down 21 ticks at £115 27/32. In shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was £1/16 easier at £112 7/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

Wates City calls for £24m to cut debts

■ Wates believes that a shortage of new office space in the City is likely to develop. Projects begun now, the company argues, will be sold into a rising market during 1996

BY CARL MORTISHED

WATES City of London Properties, the company which has interests in almost 1 million sq ft of property in the Square Mile, is raising £24 million through a rights issue to repair its balance sheet, which was badly damaged by collapsing property values in the City.

Shareholders are being offered 34.2 million shares on a two for seven basis at 72p each, a discount of 18 per cent on yesterday's closing price of 88p and Paul Wates, the company's chief executive, who owns 7 million shares, has indicated that he would be taking up about half of his total entitlement.

"The proceeds are to reduce the group's borrowings" he said. "It makes sense to raise funds rather than do the deal you would rather not do," he added.

In August, the company sold Bolsa House on Cheapside to Tesco for £12.7 million.

The proceeds from the sale of that property together with the money raised in the rights issue will reduce the company's gearing from more than 100 per cent to about 48 per cent on net assets of £89 million at last December's year end.

Wates is negotiating with a major occupier for Vintners Place, the joint venture development with Sumitomo Corporation, which still has more than 200,000 sq ft of vacant space.

Mr Wates said that a shortage was likely to emerge in the Square Mile of new office buildings due to the current dearth of building and Wates has planning consent to build 300,000 sq ft at Old Broad Street.

At 90 Queen Street, the company is seeking a pre-let or sale on a potential 57,400 sq ft office development.

"There is now an opportunity to deliver buildings in a rising market in 1996" said Mr Wates.

Plunging values in the City hit Wates in 1992 when write-downs on its investment portfolio caused losses of £75 million and wiped out the company's distributable reserves.

As a result, Wates is not paying any dividends, but the company is not seeking a capital restructuring in order to resume payments this time.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Jeffery Harris, chief executive, left, and Lord Rippon have maintained growth

UniChem a healthy 43% ahead

BY SARAH BAGNALL

UNICHEM, the pharmaceutical wholesaler and retailer, yesterday announced a healthy 43.2 per cent leap in interim pre-tax profits to £18 million.

Profits for the six months to end June included a £218,000 loss on the disposal of a property and profits for the previous period included a £2.5 million loss on the sale of discontinued operations. Stripping out the costs, profits rose 21 per cent.

The interim dividend was lifted 15.8 per cent to 2.2p and the shares rose 6p to 247p. Group sales increased by 14.7 per cent to £574 million.

Lord Rippon of Hexham, chairman, said: "These excellent results demonstrate the ability of UniChem to maintain its strong growth in sales and profits despite the tough market for pharmaceutical products in recent months."

The company improved operating margins from 3.1 per cent to 3.4 per cent of sales, in spite of government contraints on the costs and volume growth of prescription medicines, and slow and erratic recovery in the over-the-counter toiletries market.

Operating profit from the wholesale division increased from £13.6 million to £16.7 million, helped by strong performance from the main UK operations, which lifted profits by 18.6 per cent to £16 million.

In the retail division, which lifted operating profits from £2 million to £2.9 million, UniChem increased its shops by 34 to 236, helped by the purchase of the Elliott Godfrey chain of 16 shops.

WORLD MARKETS

Moscow casts a shadow

Tokyo — Shares ended lower in quiet trade as most investors were pre-occupied with the political situation in Russia. Market participants were waiting for reaction in Europe as the markets there opened. The Nikkei index was down 292.03 points, or 1.43 per cent, to 20,174.62, with about 300 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares dropped slightly in dull trading as investors stayed on the sidelines to await word on whether Beijing will win its bid to host the 2,000 Olympics. The Hang Seng index closed at 7,478.90, down 16.41 points.

☐ **Singapore** — Worries about the Russian political crisis were also in evidence here with share prices closing sharply lower in one of the biggest recent falls. The Straits Times industrial index recovered slightly, however, to close 25.77 points down at 1,969.97, but above the day's low of 1,944.41.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares ended only slightly weaker after a strong gold sector offset big falls in offshore markets because of the Russian crisis. The All Ordinaries index ended 5.9 down at 1,919.3 points after opening higher at 1,927.5. Brokers said it had shown resilience in the face of falls on Wall Street and Tokyo.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares failed to recover fully from opening losses and closed floor trade sharply lower than yesterday. Worries that political turmoil in Russia could escalate to armed conflict prompted damage-limitation selling, which wiped out most of the week's steep gains. The 30-share Dax index ended 32.85 points lower at 1,893.0. *(Reuter).*

WALL STREET

New York — Shares were firm in late-morning trading as investors tried to put the turmoil in Russia behind them, but were off the opening highs. The Dow Jones average was up 4.75 at 3,541.99, after touching 3557. Advancing shares led declining shares by ten to six. US Treasuries were mixed, with the long bond up 13/32 to yield 6.1 per cent. Phil Orlando, at First Capital Advisers, said: "There is a feeling that the political situation in Russia is stable, and investors are looking for opportunities to snap up bargains."

	Sep 22 midday	Sep 21 close
AMP Inc	64⅛	64⅛
AMR Corp	62⅞	63
Abbott Labs	26	26⅛
Aetna Life	58	57⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	39⅛	38⅞
Albertson's	51⅛	50⅞
Alcan Aluminum	18⅝	18⅝
Alco Standard	45⅞	45⅞
Allied Signal	72⅞	72⅜
Alum Co of Am	67⅞	66⅞
Amax	22⅛	22⅞
Amerada Hess	51¼	51⅛
Amer Brands	31½	32⅛
Amer Cyanamid	54⅝	54⅛
Amer El Power	38⅞	38⅞
Amer Express	34⅛	34
Amer Genl Corp	33½	33⅞
Amer Home Pr	61¼	62⅛
Amer Intl	97⅞	97
Amer Stores	43½	42⅞
Amer T & T	59⅞	58½
Ameritech	88	87⅞
Amoco	54⅝	54⅛
Anheuser-Busch	46	46⅛
Apple Computer	24⅝	24⅞
Archer Daniels	23⅛	23⅝
Arkla	8⅞	8⅝
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	41¼	40⅝
Asarco	17⅛	17⅞
Ashland Oil	32⅞	32⅛
Atl Richfield	111¼	111¼
Auto Data Pro	49⅛	49⅞
Avery Dennison	26⅛	26
Avon Products	50⅝	50⅞
Baker Hughes	22⅛	21⅞
Baltim Gas & El	26⅝	26⅛
Banc One	39	38⅞
BankAmerica	46⅛	45⅞
Bank of NY	52½	52⅛
Bankers Tr NY	77	76⅛
Barnett Banks	43⅞	43⅝
Bausch & Lomb	47⅛	47⅞
Baxter Intl	20⅞	20⅝
Becton Dickson	36	35½
Bell Atlantic	62⅝	63⅛
BellSouth	61⅛	61½
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅛
Block (H&R)	39½	39⅝
Boeing	39⅞	39⅝
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	18⅛	18⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	58⅞
Browning Ferris	23⅛	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	53⅛	53⅝
CBS	284⅝	261⅞
CNA Financial	87⅛	87⅛
CPC Intl	44½	44⅞
CSX	77⅛	76½
Campbell Soup	37⅛	36⅝
Can Pacific	15½	15⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	546	540⅛
Cpd Holdings	43⅝	43
Carolina P&L	34⅛	34⅛
Caterpillar	77⅝	77
Central & SW	33½	33⅛
Champion Intl	30	30⅛
Chase Manhat	36½	36
Chemical Bk	43½	43⅛
Chevron Corp	91¼	91⅝
Chrysler	45⅝	45½
Chubb Corp	87⅛	86½
Cigna Corp	64	64⅞
Citicorp	36	35⅞
Clorox	53⅝	53⅞
Coastal Corp	26½	26
Coca Cola	42⅛	42⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	53½	53⅝
Columbia Gas	25⅞	25⅞
Commonw Ed	31¼	31
Compaq Comp	56⅞	55⅝
Comp Ass Int	31¼	30⅛
Conagra	24⅛	24⅞
Cons Edison	37⅛	37⅛
Cons Nat Gas	51½	51½
Cons Rail	54⅝	53⅞
Cooper Inds	49⅞	49⅞
Corning Inc	33⅝	33⅛
Crown Cork	35	34½
Dana Corp	54⅛	53½
Dayton Hudson	66½	65⅛
Deere	68⅞	67⅞
Delta Air Lines	51½	51¼
Deluxe Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Detroit Edison	34½	34⅛
Digital Equip	37⅞	37⅞
Dillard Dept St	34⅛	34
Disney (Walt)	38⅛	38⅞
Dominion Res	48⅝	48⅞
Donelley (RR)	28⅛	29
Dover Corp	55⅞	56
Dow Chemicals	57⅛	56⅞
Dow Jones	32⅛	31½
Dresser	20⅞	20⅝
Duke Power	43⅞	44
Dun & Bradstreet	61½	61⅛
Du Pont	47½	47⅝
Eastman Kodak	58⅝	58⅞
Eaton Corp	50⅛	50⅞
Emerson Elec	58⅞	58⅞
Engelhard Corp	38⅝	39⅛
Enron Corp	33⅞	34
Entergy Corp	38⅝	38⅛
Ethyl Corp	18	17⅞
Exxon	65	65⅞
FMC Corp	49⅝	49⅝
FPL Group	40⅛	40⅞
Federal Express	60⅞	59⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	78⅛	75⅝
First Chicago	46⅞	46⅛
First Interstate	61⅛	61½
First Union Rly	10⅞	11
Fleet Fnl Grp	34⅛	33⅝
Fluor Corp	42⅛	42⅝
Ford Motor	54⅝	54⅝
GTE Corp	37⅛	37⅝
Gannett	48⅛	48
Gap Inc Del	27⅛	26⅛
Gen Dynamics	90⅛	100⅛
Gen Electric	97	96⅛
Gen Mills	60⅛	60⅞
Gen Motors	45⅛	44⅞
Gen Reinsurance	126⅛	127⅛
Gen Signal	31⅛	32
Genuine Parts	37⅝	37⅛
Georgia Pac	62⅞	62⅛
Gillette	55	55⅛
Glaxo ADR	19⅛	19⅝
Goodrich (BF)	45⅞	45⅞
Goodyear Tire	44	44
Grace (WR)	35⅝	35⅛
Gt Atl Pac Tea	27⅛	27⅛
Great Wstn Fin	19⅛	19⅛
Halliburton	34⅛	33⅝
Harcourt General	43⅝	43⅛
Heinz (HJ)	36⅛	36
Hercules	86	85
Hershey Foods	50	50⅛
Hewlett Packard	68⅛	67⅛
Hilton Hotels	46	45⅛
Home Depot	39⅛	38⅛
Homestake Mng	16⅞	17⅛
Honeywell	35⅛	35⅞
Household Intl	77⅛	77⅛
Houston Inds	46⅞	46⅛
Humana	12⅛	12⅛
ITT Corp	91	90⅛
Illinois Tool	38⅛	38⅛
INCO	18⅞	18⅛
Ingersoll Rand	37⅛	36⅛
Inland-Steel	26⅛	26⅛
Intel Corp	66⅛	65⅞
IBM	42⅛	42⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	113⅞	113⅝
Intl Paper	60⅞	60⅞
James River Va	21⅞	22⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38⅛	38⅞
K Mart	23⅛	23⅛
Kellogg	52⅞	52⅝
Kerr-McGee	50⅞	51⅛
Kimberly-Clark	48⅛	49⅛
Knight-Ridder	51⅛	52
Lilly (Eli)	49⅛	49⅛
Limited Inc	21⅛	20⅞
LIN Brdcstng	113	112½
Lincoln Nat	46⅛	46⅞
Litton	59⅞	59⅛
Liz Claiborne	20	19⅞
Lockheed Corp	64⅞	63⅞
Louisiana Pac	32⅛	32½
MCI Commun	27⅞	27⅞
Marriott	28⅛	28⅞
Marsh & McLnn	89⅞	90
Masco Corp	31⅛	31½
May Dept St	43⅞	43⅝
Maytag Corp	15⅛	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	53⅛	52⅝
McDonalds	52⅛	52
McDonnell D	88⅞	86⅛
McGraw Hill	66½	65⅞
Mead Corp	43⅛	43⅞
Medtronic	63	62
Mellon Bk	53⅞	53½
Melville Corp	43	42⅛
Merck Inc	31⅛	31½
Merrill Lynch	95⅞	95⅞
Minnesota Mine	104⅛	104⅛
Mobil Corp	77⅞	76⅛
Monsanto	63⅛	63⅞
Morgan (JP)	74	73⅞
Motorola Inc	94⅛	92⅛
Natl Medical	7⅛	7⅛
Natl Semi	19⅛	19⅝
Natl Service Ind	24½	24⅛
Navistar Int	19⅛	19⅛
NBD Bancorp	33⅛	32⅞
NY Times A	24	23⅞
Niag Mohawk	24⅛	24½
Nike B	44⅛	44⅞
NL Industries	5⅛	5⅛
Nordstrom	30	28⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	66⅛	65⅞
Nthn State Pwr	47⅛	47⅛
Norwest Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Nynex Corp	48	47⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	20⅞
Ohio Edison	25⅛	25⅛
Oracle Systems	57⅛	54
Oryx Energy Co	21⅛	21½
Owens Corning	45⅞	44⅛
PNC Financial	29⅛	29⅛
PPG Industries	65	65⅞
Paccar Inc	62⅝	62⅛
Pacificorp	19⅝	19⅞
Pac Enterprises	26⅛	26
Pac Gas & Elect	36⅛	35⅞
Pac Telesis	53⅞	53½
Pall Corp	18⅞	18⅞
Panhandle East	24⅞	24½
Paramnt Comm	77⅛	77
Parker Hannifin	32⅛	32½
Penney (JC)	44⅞	43⅞
Pennzoil	62⅝	61½
Pepsico	40⅛	39⅞
Pfizer	60⅝	60⅞
Phelps Dodge	40⅞	40⅞
Philadel Elec	33⅛	33
Philip Morris	46⅞	46⅛
Phillips Pet	32⅛	32⅛
Pitney Bowes	39	38⅛
Polaroid	34⅛	35
Price Co	36	35⅞
Primerica	46⅞	46
Procter & Gmbl	46½	47
Pub Serv E & G	35⅛	39⅞
Quaker Oats	67⅞	67⅞
Ralston Purina	37⅞	37⅝
Raychem Corp	41½	41½
Raytheon	62⅝	62⅞
Reebok Intl	23⅛	23⅞
Reynolds Metals	43⅛	42⅞
Roadway Srves	60½	60⅞
Rockwell Intl	35⅝	35
Rohm & Haas	51½	51½
Royal Dutch	97⅝	97⅛
Rubbermaid	33½	33⅝
Safeco Corp	62⅝	62⅝
St Paul's Cos	92	91½
Salomon Inc	48⅞	47⅛
Santa Fe Pac	18⅛	18⅛
Sara Lee Corp	23⅝	23⅝
Scecorp	24⅛	24⅛
Schering Plough	63⅞	63⅞
Schlumberger	62⅝	62
Scott Paper	32½	32½
Seagram	25⅞	25⅞
Sears Roebuck	57	56⅛
Shell Trans	59⅞	59⅞
Sherwin Wlms	35⅝	34½
Skyline Corp	17	17⅛
Snap-On-Tools	39⅛	40⅛
Southern Co	45⅛	45⅞
Sthwestern Bell	43½	42⅞
Sprint Corp	36½	36⅛
Stanley Works	41½	40⅝
Sun Company	27⅞	27⅞
Sun Microsys	26⅛	26⅛
Suntrust	42⅝	42⅝
Supervalu	33⅝	33½
Syntex Corp	18	17⅛
Sysco Corp	27⅝	27⅝
TRW Inc	65⅞	64⅛
Tandem Comp	11½	10⅞
Tandy Corp	35⅞	36⅛
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3⅞
Teledyne	25⅞	26
Temple Inland	43	42⅝
Tenneco	50⅛	49⅞
Texaco	64⅞	64½
Texas Inst	76½	74½
Texas Utilities	47⅛	47⅛
Textron	57⅛	57⅞
Time Warner	41½	41½
Times-Mirror	28⅞	29⅛
Timken	31½	31½
Torchmark	57⅝	57⅞
Toys R Us	35⅞	35⅞
Transamerica	60⅛	59⅞
Travelers Corp	35⅞	36
Tribune	51½	51½
Tyco Labs	42⅛	42⅛
UAL Corp	138	138⅞
UST Inc	27	27
USX Marathon	18⅝	18⅝
Unilever NV	109⅞	107⅛
Union Camp	42½	42⅝
Union Carbide	19	18⅞
Union Pacific	61½	61
Unisys Corp	11⅝	11⅝
USAIR Group	12½	13
USF&G Corp	17½	17⅝
US Life	40⅛	41½
US West	48	47⅛
United Tech	55⅞	56⅞
Unocal Corp	27	28⅛
Upjohn	28⅝	28⅞
VF Corp	44½	43⅞
WMX Tech	30⅞	30⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅞	23⅝
Warner-Lambert	67⅞	66⅞
Wells Fargo	120	116⅛
Westinghouse El	12⅞	13
Weyerhaeuser	39⅝	39⅞
Whirlpool	59	58⅞
Whitman	14⅞	15
Winn Dixie	57⅞	58
Woolworth	24½	24⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43⅝	43½
Xerox	70⅞	70⅞

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

MORE O'FERRALL (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.08m
EPS: 4.4p (2.1p)
Div: 3.2p (3.2p)
Last time's profit was £936,000. Turnover rose to £31.6m (£28.6m). Company said the improvement in UK orders has continued.

DOLPHIN PACKAGING
Pre-tax: £1.13m
EPS: 3.42p (2.39p)
Div: 1.7p (1.7p)
Interim results. Last time's profit was £789,000. Turnover edged to £12.6m (£12.3m). Group said its markets continue to be difficult.

JARDINE STRATEGIC (Int)
Pre-tax: $237m ($211m)
EPS: 15.97c (15.06c)
Div: 4.0c (3.8c)
Turnover rose to $2.47bn ($2.4bn). There was an extraordinary gain of $68.3m. Group expects satisfactory earnings growth for full year.

NORISH (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.11m (£1.01m)
EPS: 9.88p (7.95p)
Div: 4.47p (4.47p)
All figures are in Irish currency. Turnover fell to £5.18m (£5.25m). Company said that trading in the second half remains strong.

ARCOLECTRIC HLDGS
Pre-tax: £120,976
EPS: 1.27p (3.96p)
Div: 0.555p (0.555p)
Last time's profit was £378,316. Sales grew to £5.71m (£5.51m), but margins came under pressure. Firm said order book looks satisfactory.

GLOBAL GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £678,000
EPS: 0.37p (0.40p)
Div: 0.2p (0.2p)
Last time's profit was £658,000. Turnover rose to £40.6m (£38.5m). Food division performed well, but shipping services profits fell 47%.

STAG FURNITURE (Int)
Pre-tax: £730,000
EPS: 4.5p (LPS: 0.1p)
Div: Nil (1.5p)
Last time's profit was £198,000. Turnover rose to £13.1m (£12.5m). Company said past cost reductions enabled profit advance.

SECOND MKT INV (Int)
Pre-tax: £390,085
EPS: 2.36p (1.581p)
Div: —
Last time's profit was £278,344. The undiluted net asset value rose to 370.4p (289.7p), while diluted NAV climbed to 365.6p (286.1p).

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Jacques Vert	146p (+11p)	THORN EMI	977p (-11p)
Smithkline	425p (+18p)	Booker	399p (-11p)
More O'Ferrall	330p (+22p)	Savoy Hotel 'A'	813p (-15p)
Br Airways	357½p (+11½p)	Liberty Life	877p (-22p)

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	107	-1
Bakyrchik (120)	130	...
Beta Viet Nam Units	£37¼	+1¼
Crockfords (90)	95	...
For & Col Special Inc	68½	...
For & Col Spl Capital	42	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap	79	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap Wts	14	...
Select Industries	10	...
VHE Holdings (115)	118	-2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Arlen n/p (21)	19	...
CRH n/p (Ir260)	27	...
Cadbury Sch n/p (400)	60½	+3
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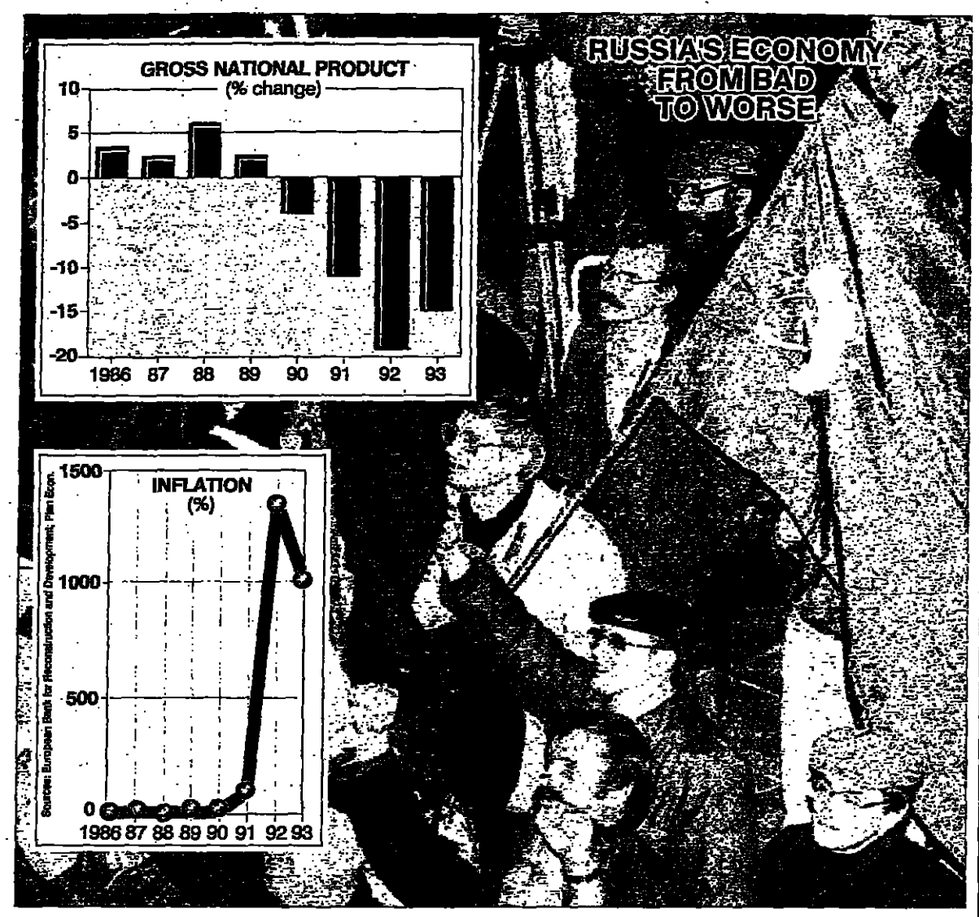
ECONOMIC VIEW

Russia must find the political power to set its economy free

Anatole Kaletsky argues that Boris Yeltsin should concentrate on creating a state apparatus strong enough to deliver economic liberalisation



Karl Marx would be amused. As he noted in 1852, history often repeats itself, the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce. Two years ago, when communist hardliners attempted to repeat the 1917 revolution by ousting Mikhail Gorbachev, whom they saw as a latter-day Kerensky, the outcome was indeed a tragedy. Even though the coup was quickly reversed and little blood was shed, it led to the uncontrolled disintegration of civil authority throughout the former Soviet Union.

This is a process whose tragic consequences are only gradually becoming apparent within Russia, even though on the fringes of former Soviet empire they have been fully played out. By contrast, the coup and counter-coup mounted on Tuesday night by Boris Yeltsin and his parliamentary opponents, had all the trappings of farce.

At present, the impeached President Yeltsin looks like the clear winner in his contest with the disbanded congress. But, contrary to the hopes expressed by Mr Yeltsin and his many well-wishers, it seems highly improbable that Russia will now be pulled out of its political and economic vortex and set on the road to democracy and market reform. Mr Yeltsin has seized power because the parliament was blocking his attempts to restructure the economy and prevent the country's anarchic political fragmentation. But will he be able to do any better, now that he holds all the reins of power?

Assuming that he does not intend to use his powers in a repressive or tyrannical manner — and that seems a fair assumption, given Mr Yeltsin's long history of opposing communist violence — it seems all too likely that near-anarchy will continue in Russia until beyond the December elections. Mr Yeltsin's immediate problem is that local officials, bureaucrats and industrial managers, who were ignoring instructions from Moscow even before Tuesday, are likely to pay even less attention because of the doubt cast on the legitimacy of the president's power. When he outlawed the communist party in 1991, Mr Yeltsin effectively abolished the only properly functioning part of the Russian state apparatus. Now, by abolishing the congress, whose deputies were mostly industrial managers and local officials, he is severing one of the few remaining state links between Moscow and the far-flung regions of Russia, without having anything to put in its place.

But the main reason for scepticism about Mr Yeltsin's prospects is much longer-term and more fundamental. He and his advisers do not seem to understand the relationship between politics and economics in post-communist reform. The process of transition from communist dictatorship to capitalist democracy has been studied in dozens of reports by hundreds of leading economists and political scientists. But all seem to have missed one essential question. More precisely, they have felt unable to ask it publicly, for reasons of political correctness.

In making the transition from communist dictatorship to market democracy, should the economy be freed before or after the political system? To put it more starkly: is democracy always compatible with capitalism? In post-communist politics, this is the issue that dare not speak its name.

The fact is, however, that the "natural" linkage so often claimed between political and economic liberalism does not exist. There may be a strong tendency for capitalism to create educated workers who eventually demand political rights. There may also be a propensity for people voting freely in a democratic system gradually to learn respect for private property and settle on a capitalist system. But it is a big jump from this very long-term historical relationship to the commonly accepted conclusion that economic growth and political liberalisation go naturally hand in hand.

If anything, the recent experience of post-communist and Third World countries suggests the opposite conclusion: that democracy stands in the way of economic development, especially in its early phases. With a few notable exceptions such as Chile and (recently) Argentina, one-party states like Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Mexico and Singapore have done better than more democratic countries like Venezuela, the Philippines and Brazil.

India is the Third World country which comes closest to having an established and functioning democracy. But it shows less sign of economic takeoff than any other country in Asia. China, by contrast, is today generally believed to be the fastest growing and most promising economy in the world, yet its political regime remains as repressive and undemocratic as it was in the reign of Chairman Mao.

It is China's experience that the peoples of eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union must find most galling. Here is a country that has broken all the democratic rules, laid down by western leaders, and now enforced through formal political conditionality by institutions like the International Monetary Fund and the European Bank. Here is a country run by a clique of old men who still call themselves communists — a country which seems to operate a capitalist economy without having privatised state property, or formally abolished the communist system, or even disbanded its central planning agencies. Yet of all the ex-communist countries which have tried the market system, China has been the only genuine success so far.

The lesson to be drawn from China's successful economic reform and Russia's abject failure, is that Mr Gorbachev made a fateful mistake when he launched the political liberalisation known as *glasnost* before the economic reconstruction he called *perestroika*. Having made that mistake, Mr Gorbachev was probably doomed. But Mr Yeltsin then compounded the error by accelerating economic liberalisation instead of trying to rebuild the political foundations of the Russian state. Experience suggests that a properly functioning market economy can only be created by a strong government, working in a stable, or at least controlled, political framework.

This does not mean China is right to maintain repression, while liberalising the economy. Political freedom and human rights may well be more important — even to many Russians — than economic growth. Instead, the right conclusion is perhaps that economic liberalisation must proceed gradually, and radical reform must be avoided, until the political framework of the post-communist state is rebuilt. But Mr Yeltsin and his advisers are unlikely to show any such caution.

TEMPUS

Rent-a-Regret

JUST as Thorn EMI was nearing its goal of becoming a straightforward music and rental group, nasty allegations of usury and strong-arm repossession tactics at Rent-a-Center in America threaten to spoil such dreams. The lurid allegations are unlikely to damage the company's profitability to any great extent, but impending legislative action poses a far greater threat.

An imminent bill from the House of Representatives' banking and finance committee is expected to reclassify rent-to-buy transactions as finance, not rental. If it were passed it would severely limit Rent-a-Center's freedom over the charges on its goods. Since Rent-a-Center only makes operating margins of 13 per cent despite charging effective interest rates of up to 200 per cent, the whole business would have to be reconfigured simply to stay open. Even if the worst happened and Thorn was forced to close Rent-a-Center or sell it for a pittance, the effect on the group would be unpleasant rather than catastrophic. Rent-a-Center made operating profits of about £50 million in the year to March, 13 per cent of the group total. Virgin music, in comparison, should make £80 million this year.

Lingering doubts about Rent-a-Center's future would, for the duration, prevent the group from demerging its music and rental interests, if that is Sir Colin Southgate's ultimate intention. But any plans along those lines will have been pushed onto a back burner after Thorn's failure to sell its defence electronic business to GEC. For one reason or another, Thorn is forever postponing its arrival in the promised land.

Spring Ram

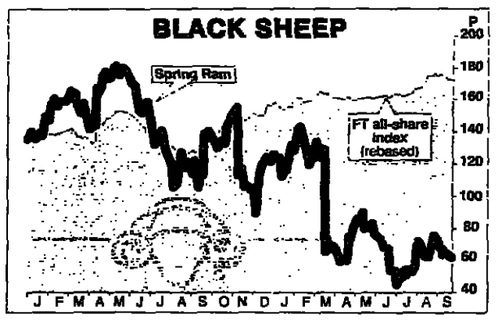
A FEW Spring Ram watchers may view the departure of its ebullient chief executive with sadness. Markets enjoy shooting stars and yesterday's frank belt and braces review of the kitchen and bathroom group's accounts indicates that shareholders are in for a less exciting but more reassuring ride.

More disturbing than the well-trailed interim losses was the revelation that management accounts for the first five months of the year show losses at the trading level and rising debt, the previous management, in its June trading statement, referred only to lower profits.

Spring Ram's shareholders will want more than cleaner accounts. The sudden fall in profits in the kitchens business is disturbing and the increase in borrowing points to a loss of control on working capital.

Bill Rooney allowed the group to expand in too many directions while at the same time making significant changes in the core kitchens division. As the new team makes a push for export growth, it would do well to dispose of the smaller unprofitable businesses.

The continuing attentions of Masco, albeit at a low level, suggest the group may be spruced up for an eventual sale. To achieve a satisfactory exit for most shareholders, the new management will probably need to treble the current share price. In the meantime, the promise of future dividends is a nutmeg of consolation.



Next

THERE seems to be no stopping the recovery at Next. After a strong rise in turnover last year, the group still managed to report a double digit leap in sales this time. This sales growth has been critical for the chain to cover the high fixed costs of retailing. Sales per square foot have risen steadily as the group has improved the product and brought prices down to more realistic levels.

In the short term, further growth should come from the few planned store openings combined with the rising density of sales. Together, these could increase Next's share of the clothing market from 2 per cent to nearer 3 per cent. Then, growth will have to come from somewhere else.

Unfortunately, Lord Wolfson has a relaxed attitude to takeovers. While his concentration on the core business is laudable, the group has net cash of £48 million which should be put to better uses given current low interest rates. Comparisons with GUS, where Lord Wolfson is also a director, come to mind. While the short-term is secure, Next's long-term prospects are hazy.

Barratt

SIR Lawrie Barratt can be forgiven the triumphal overtone in the statement on his group's annual figures. Barratt Developments has emerged from the recession in better shape than many rivals. The cornerstone was its swift decision to cut its dividend at the beginning of 1990 when the full extent of the downturn in housing became clear. This and subsequent cuts saved the group more than £63 million over the past four years, as much as £80 million in all. If Barratt had tried to tough the recession out, like some competitors, its gearing would be 60 per cent today instead of 18 per cent. It would not have the resources to expand into the recovery without an unwelcome rights issue.

In contrast to his pleasure over Barratt's recent achievements, Sir Lawrie's optimism about the housing market strikes an uneasy note. Barratt wants to increase output by 60 per cent in the next two years to 8,000 units. This is understandable given the group's renewed vigour, but competitors like Wimpey and Tarmac are also planning to expand with the proceeds of their rights issues. This is fuelling land prices while house prices are still weak and demand patchy. Unless recovery in the market accelerates, housebuilders' margins could stay under pressure.

Vodafone

WITH price cuts, blanket advertising and even incentive schemes, the mobile phone business is beginning to resemble a competitive market. Vodafone could not undercut Mercury's offer of free off-peak local calls, but offers a new 5p a minute "home cell" rate on the MetroDigital service. This and other initiatives may protect its market but only at the expense of operating margins. Vodafone's shares have dropped 14 per cent since the end of August. Anxiety may rise as Mercury expands its service nationwide and the future of Hutchison Microtel service is resolved. The shares and the sector have further to fall.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

IoD starts hunting early

THE hunt is on for a man or woman to succeed Peter Morgan as director-general of the Institute of Directors, the worthy mouthpiece of UK company chiefs. The five-year contract, from mid-1994, is open to "visionary" leaders and motivators with excellent communication skills who have made a name for themselves in top boardrooms. There is clearly no shortage of candidates for the job of representing the IOD's 50,000 members, though the "communication" part of the brief may throw a few riders at the first jump. Peter Rawlins, who resigned as chief executive of the Stock Exchange this year over the Taurus debacle, may be dwelling upon his chances from his leafy home in Wimbledon, southwest London. And there is always Sarah Hogg, head of the No 10 policy unit.

Prickly Peter

THE peripatetic Peter Bates, sales and marketing director of the Savoy Hotel group for the past five years, is off again. He is joining Robert Peel's Mount Charlotte Investments hotel group to spearhead marketing activities — making him obliquely answerable to Brierley Investments, the 70 per cent shareholder. Bates, who has spent time at Gleneagles, the Mandarin Oriental in Hong Kong, and other five-star haunts, is dropping a star to focus on the Thistle chain, but insists his pride remains intact. "We do not need any more 5-star hotels," he blusters. "Mount Charlotte is opening a Thistle hotel almost every month for the next three years. It's all very exciting."

Careless UBS

LAST week, UBS lost its head of equity sales. Now, the head of trading has gone too. Steve Dalby, managing director, trading, since 1986, resigned yesterday, following in the footsteps of Nick Bannister, now head of UK equities at Hoare Govett, and leaving a big gap in the higher UBS ranks. The Swiss have counter-attacked by recruiting David Goldmuntz of Salomon Brothers as combined head of sales and trading. Goldmuntz, an American fluent in French, joins in November after 14 years at Salomon. Dalby's plans are unclear.

Signing off

THE BBC business news team, under Peter Jay, is scattering to the four winds. Gerry Baker, economics correspondent, is to be the *Financial Times*' Tokyo correspondent. Iain Carson is joining the *Economist* as industry editor, Ed Crooks is going to *Newsnight*, and three radio reporters, Jonty Blum, Chris Godsmark and Rick Marsland — are heading for the door.

China cab

CAPTAINS of industry gathered at the Dorchester hotel on Tuesday evening under the auspices of The Walpole Committee, set up last year to promote the UK's reputation for excellence in quality goods and services. As they left, they were given a fitting symbol of the occasion — a Corgi model London taxi cab. The label read: "Made in China".

Klein-ing up

TRUST Robin Klein, South African-born chief executive of Kleen-e-ze, to dream up the ideal tool for visitors to his old homeland. Klein was asked by WoolTru, the SA retail chain, to produce a tailor-made version of his popular electronic language translator, converting English into Afrikaans, Zulu or Xhosa. In keeping with these changing times, words like "power", "peace" and "freedom" are all available for translation. Anyone looking up "terror", "riot" and "teargas" will have less luck.

Pubs in Sydney are staying open 24 hours today to allow locals to monitor the Olympic bid result in suitable style. The result is due at about 2am local time on Friday morning.

JON ASHWORTH

"Good news comrade — the market is falling"

BUSINESS LETTERS

Final salary pensions are still popular

From the Director of Information Services, The National Association of Pension Funds

Sir, There is more than one definition of wealth and Graham Searjeant in his article ("Wheels start to fall off the pension bandwagon", September 8) is not alone in wanting to define it in a way which excludes pension rights.

If you have enough wealth as he defines it, then you don't need a pension scheme with your job but then you don't need a job, either. Few people are in that happy position.

Most of us have to work for a living. We also need something to replace the income from work when we retire and the role of the state here is declining.

One great advantage of a company pension scheme is that it will ensure that your income in retirement lasts as long as you do. It will also make provision for your dependants if they survive you.

Certainly, patterns of employment are changing and pension schemes are changing to reflect that. In pension circles, there is much debate about the relative merits of the money purchase approach and the final salary approach and some employers operate various forms of hybrid scheme in order to meet the differing needs of different people.

Nevertheless, the distinction between money purchase schemes and final salary schemes remains an important one.

In a final salary scheme, what the members are entitled to is the benefit laid down in the rules. It is only in a money purchase scheme that members are entitled to whatever pension can be bought by their share of the assets. It is a pity that in his treatment of surplus, Graham Searjeant fails to make this all important distinction.

The reference to "extreme tax incentives" was not explained — perhaps because it cannot be justified. Where pensions are concerned, tax is not fully relieved, it is merely deferred until the pension is paid.

In some ways life itself is becoming more of a lottery and the future is not easy to predict. Final salary pension schemes, however, are much less of a lottery now that steps have been taken to protect early leavers by giving them rights to preserved pensions, revaluation on those preserved pensions and the right to take their pension with them when they change jobs.

Such schemes provide greater certainty in the face of fluctuating asset values and falling interest rates and that is one reason why they are so popular with members.

Yours faithfully,
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No Xtra saving

From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir, The Halifax Building Society points out that inflation has fallen to 1.7 per cent so that the real return from the Halifax 90-day Xtra Account is better than previously. However, the underlying rate of inflation, which excludes mortgage repayments, is 3.1 per cent, so savers who do not have mortgages are near a negative rate of return on this particular account.

Yours faithfully,
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The way to work

From Susan Watkin

Sir, Martin Morton prefers not to employ staff who travel to work by train (Business Letters, September 15). The other side of the coin is the travel imposed on workers by compulsory job relocation.

I have always tried to live within walking distance of where I work. My place of work (with the same company) has changed four times in the past eight years — Lincoln, Huntingdon, Oundle, and now a village near Cambridge. I now have a house in Lincoln within walking distance of workplace number 1, and a flat within walking distance of workplace numbers 2 and 4, but 18 miles from my current workplace. I need to catch at least three trains to get from Lincoln to Huntingdon and then catch company-provided transport from Huntingdon to my present workplace.

It is a cumbersome journey subject to the vagaries of British Rail (the excuse for the delay on Monday sounded like "wheel spin in the engine") and the hazards of the A604 (such as long hold-ups caused on Tuesday by scaffolding falling off a lorry).

I would much prefer not to commute and look forward to the day when I can work from home or in a "telecottage".

Meanwhile, I find it ironic that my flat and present workplace are both next to old stations on the same, long-disused, railway line.

Yours faithfully,
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-do- Inc	94.44	101.00	...	1.25
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High Inc	76.26	81.60*	-0.45	6.42
Income	136.00	145.50	-0.70	3.78
Mngd P folio Inc	97.59	103.90	-0.30	1.91
-do- Acc	185.70	197.80	-0.50	..
North American	106.10	113.00	+0.40	0.19
Orient	134.30	144.70	-0.20	..
Recovery	45.10	46.49	-0.28	2.31
German	46.60	49.94	-0.08	0.06
Intl Growth	36.20	38.55	-0.08	0.20
European Inc	23.72	25.51*	-0.04	0.44
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	68.01	68.94	...	5.06
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	141.70	150.80	-1.20	1.63
UK Growth	153.10	162.90*	-0.80	2.14
UK Income	131.10	139.50	-0.70	4.04
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	95.28	101.90	+1.60	0.90
Growth	46.21	49.42	-0.05	2.83
Income	57.62	61.63	-0.02	3.85
Far East	51.09	54.64	+0.33	..
North American	91.18	98.04	+1.00	..
Global	91.06	97.39	-0.02	0.47
European	76.71	81.94	-0.61	0.63
Japan	117.30	125.50	-0.20	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.64	65.32	+0.61	5.83
UK Cap Gwth	64.77	93.66*	+0.27	1.80
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	134.70	143.30*	-1.20	0.10
-do- Acc	143.20	152.40	-1.40	0.10
European	70.00	74.20*	-0.71	0.63
-do- Acc	73.03	77.41	-0.73	0.63
Far East Gen	66.89	71.17	-0.55	...
-do- Acc	66.89	71.17	-0.55	...
Smaller Cos	71.16	75.21*	-0.03	1.72
-do- Acc	80.35	85.48	-0.03	1.72
Growth	396.70	424.30*	-0.50	2.20
-do- Acc	687.70	735.60	-0.90	2.20
Income Growth	394.60	419.80	-1.20	3.58
-do- Acc	536.10	570.40	-1.60	3.58
Master Portfolio	9987.0	10364.0	-22.00	2.15
-do- Acc	11634.0	12073.0	-26.00	2.15
Special Sits	90.94	96.79	-1.14	2.12
-do- Acc	107.50	114.37	-1.34	2.12
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1290.0	1330.0	-2.00	4.04
-do- Acc	1521.0	1569.0	-3.00	4.04
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	192.10	204.90	+1.80	1.61
Capital	564.80	602.80	...	2.22
Eurotrack 100	141.30	150.50	-1.00	1.37
Euro Gth	89.99	95.94	-0.52	0.86
Far East Growth	97.56	104.10	-0.50	...
Global Bond	23.68	25.17	+0.21	5.94
Hong Kong	86.73	92.56	+0.82	0.65
Income	542.40	578.90	-1.40	3.76
Intl Growth	76.03	81.13	+0.11	0.17
Japan Growth	287.00	306.30	-1.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.06	39.55	-0.10	...
Japan Index	82.53	88.08	-0.24	0.24
Nth American	440.40	470.00	+2.80	0.17
S'pore Mly Gth	64.40	68.73	+1.40	..
The Pootsie Fd	112.10	118.40	-0.30	2.60
Tiger Index	156.70	167.20*	+1.20	0.59
Trade Inder	111.30	118.70*	-0.20	2.12
UK Index	129.50	138.20	+0.30	2.88
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	86.38	92.29	+0.45	1.04
European P folio	79.34	84.60	-0.52	0.90
Japanese P folio	69.98	74.41	+0.04	...
Pacific P folio	113.31	121.84	+1.46	0.98
Cazenove P folio	76.28	81.59	-0.02	2.49
UK Income Gth	69.73	74.79	+0.04	4.28
Utility & Bond	55.80	56.55	-0.09	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	654.95	658.15	...	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.80	...	8.75
Deposit	5.60	5.72	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	647.05	654.98	...	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2627.0	...	...
Deposit	5.60	5.72	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	...	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	66.00	70.17	...	3.15
Beckman Intl	89.39	94.37	-0.43	2.81
Friars Hse Inc	199.99	206.89	...	5.70
Friars Hse Cap	259.43	278.96	...	2.61
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	151.56	161.23	-0.24	5.40
Equity Incom Acc	501.78	533.81	-0.78	5.40
Fixed & Convert	44.56	47.40	-0.13	5.59
Fixed & Conv Acc	119.30	126.91	-0.33	5.59
Monthly Income	51.46	54.74	-0.12	7.40
Preference	50.90	54.15	-0.14	7.15
Preference Acc	266.40	283.40	-0.75	7.15
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.81	133.84	-0.11	5.52
High Yield Acc	483.71	514.59	-0.43	5.52
Managed Fund	65.22	69.38	-0.05	2.83
Managed Fd Acc	79.66	84.74	-0.07	2.83
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.50	43.09	+0.01	1.90
Smaller Cos Acc	45.97	48.90	+0.01	1.90
UK & General	71.93	76.52	-0.02	2.99
UK & General Acc	87.30	92.87	-0.02	2.99
UK Growth	123.51	131.39	-0.02	1.64
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	165.35	175.90	-1.90	...
Far East Growth	114.98	122.32	+0.39	0.34
Global Bond	87.44	93.00	+0.81	5.85
Gold & Comm	55.02	58.53	+1.42	...
Japan Growth	123.99	131.90	-0.78	...
North America	151.36	161.02	+1.35	...
Oriental Growth	61.31	65.22	-0.57	...
W'wide Growth	60.58	64.79	+0.04	0.36
-do- Acc	63.20	67.59	+0.04	0.36
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.33	93.33	+0.01	5.09
Deposit Fund Acc	93.33	93.33	+0.01	5.09
Quilter Fund	127.35	135.48*	-0.17	2.57
Quilter Fund Acc	142.88	152.00	-0.19	2.57
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.17	68.27*	-0.37	1.92
-do- Acc	72.82	77.47	-0.42	1.92
Income Fund 5	225.90	240.40	+0.10	3.92
-do- Acc	525.70	559.30	+0.20	3.92
Inv Portfolio	69.49	72.02	-0.33	2.08
-do- Acc	79.18	82.06	-0.38	2.08
Smaller Cos	136.60	145.40	-0.30	1.31
-do- Acc	165.30	175.90	-0.40	1.31
High Inc P folio	64.46	66.80	-0.04	4.26
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 556				
Oriental Op Acc	91.20	97.02	-0.42	0.82
Japanese Acc	65.10	69.25*	-0.40	...
UK Balncd Inc	131.70	140.10	-0.60	2.46
-do- Acc	155.30	165.20	-0.80	2.46
UK Growth Acc	211.50	225.00	-1.90	1.99
UK High Inc	142.10	151.20	-0.80	5.86
-do- Acc	172.00	183.00	-1.00	5.86
N America Acc	113.20	120.40	+1.00	0.22
European Acc	169.80	180.40*	-1.90	0.51
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.18	65.96	-0.08	6.68
-do- Acc	102.30	108.60	-0.10	6.68
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.61	52.78*	-0.02	0.21
Environmntl Opp	74.28	79.02	-0.67	1.56
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	114.00	121.10	+1.30	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	219.60	233.30	-0.80	1.07
Eurofund	40.43	42.78	-0.48	0.94
Mngd Exempt	175.40	182.80	-0.08	2.97
Growth Inc	223.80	237.80*	-0.20	3.15
High Dist	153.50	163.10	-0.30	4.60
International	338.80	360.00	...	0.90
Intl Income	85.61	91.39	+0.19	2.84
Pacific	62.49	66.61	+0.47	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	77.47	82.31	+0.17	...
Tokyo	214.20	227.60*	-0.90	...
Japan Exempt	121.70	125.00	-3.10	0.40
Sm Jap Exempt	629.50	646.80	+8.90	0.08
Equity Income	127.60	135.60*	-0.30	3.69
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	190.30	191.30	-1.90	0.47
Financial	44.60	47.39*	-0.30	2.53
Global Opps Inc	92.58	98.37	+0.33	1.02
-do- Acc	95.96	102.00	+0.40	1.02
Gold Gen Inc	48.60	51.73	+1.53	0.58
-do- Acc	93.45	99.29	+2.93	0.58
Japan General	166.50	177.30	-0.60	...
Preference	23.91	25.40	-0.11	7.16
Worldwide Cap	307.10	320.00	-0.30	1.83
World Income	90.54	96.30	+0.02	3.09
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	185.00	196.80	...	0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	111.05	116.80	-0.15	3.29
High Income	129.79	136.62	-0.41	4.56
Tst of Inv Tsts	163.89	172.52*	-0.55	2.17
Special Sits	86.32	90.86*	-0.15	2.12
North American	105.46	111.01*	+0.73	1.09
Far Eastern	263.00	276.84	+0.41	1.44
Intl Growth	99.42	104.65	-0.01	1.42
European	68.95	72.58	-0.75	1.93
Smaller Cos	73.03	76.87	-0.41	1.93
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton. BN1 2RE 0273 228 707				
United Charities	239.30	254.50	...	3.84
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	141.50	150.50	-1.10	...
High Income	27.12	28.54*	-0.10	5.70
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	100.40	106.10*	-1.10	0.53
Far Eastern	144.60	155.30	+0.80	...
High Income	23.70	25.23	-0.03	10.00
Oseas Income	93.38	100.30	+0.87	3.02
UK Growth	100.40	107.40*	+0.20	0.79
UK Income	107.40	114.50	...	5.24
US Smaller Cos	276.10	295.30	+2.20	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.06	53.25	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	50.06	53.25	+0.43	...
Am Smllr Co	445.80	476.70	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	455.40	487.00	+1.30	...
Capital	299.40	318.40	-1.10	1.58
-do- Acc	421.00	447.80	-1.40	1.58
Contl Smllr Cos	50.43	54.20	-0.23	0.88
-do- Acc	52.72	56.66	-0.24	0.88
Convertible	127.00	135.00	-0.30	5.40
-do- Acc	241.00	256.30	-0.50	5.40
Emg Mkts	59.36	63.41	+0.20	..
-do- Acc	59.36	63.41	+0.20	...
European	103.20	110.30	-1.00	0.63
-do- Acc	107.60	115.00	-1.00	0.63
Extra Income	314.80	334.80	-1.00	3.68
-do- Acc	450.80	479.50	-1.20	3.68
Financial	116.40	124.50	+0.10	0.17
-do- Acc	121.80	130.40	+0.30	0.17
Gilt Gth Tst	67.73	69.84	-0.14	5.79
-do- Acc	87.52	90.24	-0.19	5.79
Health Fund Inc	118.90	127.00	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	118.90	127.00	+0.30	..
Income Tst	190.90	203.00	-0.70	3.52
-do- Acc	270.50	287.70	-0.90	3.52
Intl Growth	335.50	358.50	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	372.50	398.10	+1.10	..
Japan Gen	191.70	205.00	-0.20	..
-do- Acc	193.70	207.00	-0.20	
Mngd P folio Inc	96.62	101.70	-0.10	0.81
-do- Acc	101.60	106.90	-0.20	0.81
Monthly Income	162.90	173.20	-0.60	3.65
Qrtly Inc	52.93	56.30	-0.04	5.39
-do- Acc	53.68	57.10	-0.04	5.39
Recovery	312.20	333.80	+0.10	0.33
-do- Acc	366.80	392.20	+0.10	0.33
UK Growth	48.75	52.09	-0.07	2.42
-do- Acc	48.75	52.09	-0.07	2.42
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	363.77	386.99	-1.96	2.69
-do- Acc	742.83	790.24	-3.99	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	115.88	123.28*	-1.02	0.68
-do- Acc	120.35	128.03*	-1.06	0.68
Fixed Int Dist	137.32	145.35*	-0.23	5.86
-do- Acc	235.00	248.57*	-0.39	5.86
Intl Gth Dist	81.44	86.64	-0.05	0.61
-do- Acc	84.55	89.95	-0.05	0.61
Nth Amer Dist	173.21	183.48	+1.37	0.75
-do- Acc	188.78	199.98	+1.50	0.75
Pac Basin Dist	261.48	278.17	+0.93	0.01
-do- Acc	266.47	283.48	+0.95	0.01
Stewardship Dist	317.43	337.69	-1.41	1.83
-do- Acc	378.49	402.65	-1.69	1.83
Stwd Inc Dist	68.83	73.22*	-0.19	3.02
-do- Acc	85.74	91.21*	-0.23	3.02
N Am Stwd Dist	98.66	104.96	+0.78	...
-do- Acc	104.37	111.03	+0.83	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.50	147.10	+1.20	..
European	445.20	473.70	-5.10	0.89
Far East General	244.60	261.60	...	0.27
Germany	110.40	116.90	-2.10	0.39
Global Assets In	75.62	80.65	+0.05	2.00
Global Assets Ac	79.96	85.28	+0.06	2.00
Income Inc	136.90	146.00*	-0.20	6.03
International	303.70	324.50	+0.70	0.86
Intl Income	81.54	86.56	+0.02	4.60
Japan General	401.10	426.60	+1.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	49.80	53.27	+0.06	0.07
UK Capital Inc	176.10	188.40*	-0.40	3.99
-do- Acc	303.70	324.90	-0.80	3.99
UK Spec Sits	82.93	88.69	-0.10	1.43
US General	122.80	131.00	-0.10	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	136.70	145.70	-1.10	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.65	49.89	+0.16	1.30
Cash Trust	130.40	130.40*	+0.01	5.02
Pract Inv Inc	107.34	115.06*	-0.64	3.99
-do- Acc	236.34	253.56*	-1.41	3.99
UK Smaller Cos	111.42	119.49	-0.31	0.77
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.80	29.73	-0.04	7.87
High Inc	34.24	36.62*	-0.06	4.48
UK Equity Inc	135.60	145.03	-0.21	3.74
Global Bond	30.10	31.23*	+0.29	5.73
International Funds				
Gold Intl	86.86	93.15	+1.31	0.45
Frontier Markets	47.20	50.62	+0.46	0.12
Global Inc Gth	125.44	133.72	+1.21	1.79
UK Intl	125.55	134.28	+0.13	0.34
Overseas Funds				
American	131.26	140.18	+1.61	0.44
European	88.34	93.69	-0.67	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	107.08	113.90*	-0.82	0.64
American Emerg	89.30	95.76	+0.77	..
Hong Kong	120.83	129.25	+1.94	1.93
Japan	239.66	254.56	-0.98	...
Pacific Growth	169.75	182.04	-0.59	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	132.94	142.18	-0.08	0.32
American Gth	132.46	141.67	+0.07	...
European Gth	71.82	76.76	-0.84	0.61
Japan Gth	83.44	89.21	-0.19	...
Greater China	146.63	156.82	+1.33	2.85
Pacific Strategy	134.54	143.90	-0.31	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.33	85.55*	-0.09	4.69
British Growth	50.89	53.77	-0.28	2.47
UK Small Cos	46.89	50.15	-0.20	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.60	132.60	+0.10	5.28
Gilt Fixed	129.40	137.40*	-0.30	4.68
Growth Equity	303.60	324.30	-3.20	2.05
Guardhill	444.20	474.50*	-4.90	2.17
Income Trust	116.10	124.00	-0.50	3.36
International	166.10	177.40*	+0.30	0.05
Japan Trust	130.10	138.90	-0.20	...
Nth American	263.10	281.00	+2.50	0.01
Pacific	413.50	441.70	-0.80	...
European	387.30	413.70	-1.50	0.34
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838686				
Global Adv Inc	36.71	38.92*	...	1.56
-do- Acc	38.69	41.02	...	1.56
Inc Adv Inc	31.03	32.90*	+0.10	3.70
-do- Acc	32.85	34.83	+0.10	3.70
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	79.67	84.27	+1.01	0.68
Equity Income	119.80	127.40*	-0.50	3.16
European	140.70	149.00	-1.70	0.91
Intl Situation	78.84	83.82	+0.16	...
Japanese	145.80	154.70	-0.60	...
North American	94.19	99.94	+0.66	0.02
Scandinavian	124.00	131.90*	-0.70	...
Smaller Cos	32.17	34.22	-0.73	1.75
HENDERSON PO Box 2257, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.37	101.95	+0.80	...
Asian Enterprise	140.80	150.57	+1.27	0.33
European	409.81	433.58	-2.57	0.88
European Inc	74.99	79.28*	-0.61	2.74
Euro Sml Co	128.51	136.67	-0.18	0.50
Extra Income	273.68	291.35*	-0.51	4.61
Family of Funds	75.15	80.15	-0.07	0.61
Global Bond	58.35	62.06*	-0.05	6.63
High Inc	310.28	331.67	-0.74	3.73
Income Gth	252.86	269.29	-0.43	3.35
-do- Acc	654.07	696.57	-1.13	3.35
International	241.15	257.18	-0.68	0.60
Japan Spc Sit	254.17	270.52*	-0.08	...
Japan	219.41	233.71	-1.22	...
N Amer	221.35	235.76	+1.71	0.03
Pacific Smllr Cos	206.33	219.49*	+0.19	0.15
Pref Gilt	49.15	52.83	-0.04	7.82
Special Sits	274.40	293.60*	-0.56	1.64
-do- Acc	425.43	455.21	-0.66	1.64
Best of British	58.68	62.76	-0.02	2.26
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	50.81	54.17	-0.17	0.50
-do- Acc	53.80	57.36	-0.17	0.50
Global Tech	136.17	145.70	-0.36	...
Special Opps	114.50	123.12*	-2.02	1.18
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	91.06	97.39	-0.01	2.14
Capital	159.30	170.30	-0.20	1.84
Dollar	314.70	336.50	+2.60	0.01
European	209.30	223.80	-2.20	0.57
Far East	257.20	275.00	+2.50	0.23
Financial	763.00	816.00*	-2.00	1.84
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.37	28.43	-0.03	7.28
High Yield	109.00	116.50	-0.50	4.21
Income	142.70	152.60	-0.30	3.13
Intl	221.20	236.50	+0.40	0.18
Japan Tech	74.11	79.26	+0.09	...
Nat Resources	59.56	63.70	+1.16	0.45
Security	306.60	327.90*	-0.10	1.87
Smaller Cos	119.20	127.40	-0.40	1.12
Special Sits	143.00	152.90*	-0.20	1.55
US Smaller Cos	73.90	79.03	+0.33	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.08	28.95*	-0.02	1.13
Special Features	29.39	31.22*	-0.03	1.68
-do- Acc	34.98	37.16*	-0.03	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.20	60.08	+0.04	1.78
Assets Earnings	73.43	78.01	-0.07	1.87
do Acc	87.63	93.10	-0.08	1.86
Managed Invest	92.13	98.32	-0.04	1.72
Rupert Children	78.22	83.46	-0.03	2.06
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.24	50.24*	...	4.50
Extra Inc	85.37	91.33	+0.05	5.02
Gilt	28.12	30.67	-0.04	6.23
Income Gth	40.82	43.54	-0.02	3.51
MIMstar	80.47	86.26	-0.02	7.58
Preference	18.85	20.02*	-0.06	6.50
UK Income	321.50	343.80*	+0.10	3.21
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	63.66	67.63	-0.11	1.18
Property Shares	71.06	76.57*	-0.27	1.63
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	152.20	159.60	-0.40	4.30
European Acc	123.10	130.40*	-1.70	1.48
European Dist	116.00	122.90*	-1.60	1.48
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.63	51.70*	+0.67	1.08
European Perf	124.20	131.70*	-1.90	0.51
-do- Acc	128.40	136.10*	-2.10	0.51
Euro Small Cos	23.43	24.89	-0.27	0.48
French Growth	71.77	76.25	-0.52	0.34
-do- Acc	76.67	81.46	-0.55	0.34
Hong K/China	73.49	78.08	+1.02	1.64
Intl Growth	53.96	57.33	-0.02	0.59
-do- Acc	53.96	57.33	-0.02	0.59
Japan Perf	34.83	36.98	-0.14	...
Accum Units	34.83	36.98	-0.14	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.17	42.69*	-0.06	...
Singapore Asean	92.63	98.41	+0.04	0.19
-do- Acc	93.29	99.11	+0.04	0.19
South East Asia	255.00	270.90	+1.80	0.56
US Smllr Cos	105.90	112.50	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	107.10	113.70	+0.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	88.43	94.25	-0.08	2.47
Intl Bond	58.46	59.28*	+0.40	5.07
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	55.03	58.54*	-0.02	6.62
Gilt Yield	122.40	129.20*	...	6.98
Global Income	212.30	225.80*	+0.60	3.88
High Yield	145.10	152.20	-0.40	5.48
Smllr Cos Div	53.46	56.67*	-0.17	3.45
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.86	96.66	+0.63	...
North American	75.48	80.30	+0.43	0.42
European	139.30	148.20	-0.90	1.51
Euro Special	82.94	88.23	-0.57	1.42
General	271.40	288.70	+0.30	3.09
Japan	452.60	481.50	+0.60	...
Japanese Special	257.80	274.30	-0.40	...
Master Acc	228.00	242.60	+0.20	1.27
Pacific	290.50	309.50	-2.50	0.52
Smaller Cos	105.60	112.30	-4.06	1.50
UK Equity Gth	39.34	41.85*	-0.07	1.67
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	78.84	83.87	-0.70	0.91
Extra Income	24.89	26.48*	-0.18	3.60
Far East	29.23	31.06*	+0.11	0.26
Income Gwth	74.48	79.23*	-0.31	2.88
Intl Growth	53.66	57.09*	+0.05	0.60
Japan	68.78	73.17	+0.04	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20	...	6.81
N Amer Equity	38.44	40.89	+0.23	0.35
UK Equity	90.41	96.18	-0.38	2.67
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.77	57.20	-0.07	4.37
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	440.00	468.10*	-0.80	2.64
Equity Acc	848.30	902.40*	-1.60	2.64
Equity Income	98.14	104.40	-0.20	4.29
European	103.20	109.80*	+0.90	1.66
Far Eastern	196.50	209.00*	-1.00	...
Fixed Interest	55.39	58.84*	-0.05	5.93
Gilt	96.79	102.60	-0.30	5.91
Global Growth	70.83	75.35	-0.41	0.45
Intl Bond	56.79	60.33*	-0.45	4.77
Japanese	74.88	79.64	-1.32	...
Overseas Equity	103.90	110.50	-0.10	0.05
Pacific Gth	92.22	98.11*	+0.38	0.47
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834333				
Balanced	321.80	342.40	-0.70	2.76
-do- Acc	706.60	751.80	-14.90	2.76
Contl Euro Gth	54.70	57.58	-0.53	1.17
-do- Acc	57.84	60.89	-0.57	1.17
Extra Inc	253.60	269.80	+2.40	3.57
-do- Acc	627.00	667.10	+6.30	3.57
German Gth	113.10	119.10	-1.70	0.04
-do- Acc	118.60	124.90	-1.70	0.04
Growth Port	505.20	537.50*	-2.10	0.55
-do- Acc	508.80	541.30	-2.20	0.55
Income	476.60	507.10	+4.10	3.48
-do- Acc	1222.0	1301.0	+9.03	3.48
Income Port	508.90	541.40	-1.50	4.10
-do- Acc	516.40	549.40	-1.50	4.10
Japan Growth	105.60	112.40	-0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	106.00	112.80	-0.30	0.01
Master Trust	54.09	57.55	-0.19	1.23
-do- Acc	59.55	63.36	-0.20	1.23
N American Gen	186.40	198.30	+2.70	0.01
-do- Acc	215.20	229.00	+3.10	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.10	150.20	+3.30	0.01
-do- Acc	144.10	153.30	+3.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	219.30	233.30	+1.60	0.73
-do- Acc	231.80	246.60	+1.60	0.73
Small Cos Rec	324.60	341.70	-1.20	2.27
-do- Acc	422.70	445.00	-1.60	2.27
UK Growth	80.03	85.14	-0.51	2.30
-do- Acc	94.29	100.40	-0.60	2.30
Worldwide Gth	294.40	313.20	+3.20	0.29
-do- Acc	434.00	461.80	+4.70	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	81.15	87.07	-0.42	2.70
Income	64.25	68.94*	-0.26	5.00
International	58.88	63.18	-0.08	0.80
American	59.14	63.45	+0.26	0.30
Japan	56.65	60.78*	-0.30	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.05	66.58	-0.42	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	379.20	401.00	+3.90	0.92
-do- Acc	468.60	495.40	+4.30	0.92
American Rec	417.10	441.10	+1.20	0.15
-do- Acc	477.90	505.40	+1.40	0.15
Am Sm Co Acc	126.40	133.60	+0.20	...
Australia Acc	166.90	176.50	+0.80	1.18
Capital	717.90	759.20*	-1.60	2.22
-do- Acc	801.80	847.90	-1.90	2.22
Commodity Acc	430.30	454.90	+3.70	0.96
Compnd Gth	876.10	926.40	-1.50	2.56
Dividend	38.10	40.30	-0.10	4.03
-do- Acc	150.90	159.70	-0.60	4.03
Equity Inc	323.60	342.20*	-0.80	4.39
European Div	64.00	67.70	-0.70	3.69
-do- Acc	74.10	78.40	-0.70	3.69
European Gen	432.40	457.30	-3.40	0.84
-do- Acc	543.20	574.50	-4.30	0.84
Extra Yield	401.20	424.30*	-1.20	4.10
-do- Acc	1198.7	1267.9	-3.60	4.10
Far Eastern	320.70	339.10*	-0.60	0.45
-do- Acc	423.10	447.40	-0.80	0.45
Fund of Inv	553.40	585.20	-1.80	2.04
-do- Acc	1009.4	1067.5	-3.20	2.04
General	57.00	60.30	-0.30	3.48
-do- Acc	152.50	161.30	-0.80	3.48
Gilt Fxd Int	65.70	65.79*	-0.09	7.14
do Acc	167.51	167.74	-0.22	7.14
Gold	54.00	57.10	+1.80	0.91
-do- Acc	63.50	67.10	+2.10	0.91
High Inc	27.00	28.50	-0.10	4.23
-do- Acc	102.10	108.10	-0.50	4.23
Intl Growth	71.00	75.10	+0.10	0.70
-do- Acc	122.90	130.10	+0.30	0.70
Intl Inc	98.30	103.90	...	4.40
Japan Gen Acc	53.20	56.30	-0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	159.90	169.10	-0.60	...
Midland	59.90	63.30	-0.10	2.87
-do- Acc	191.70	202.70	-0.50	2.87
Recovery	38.70	40.90	-0.10	2.46
-do- Acc	61.60	65.10	-0.20	2.46
Second Gen	66.60	70.40	-0.30	3.23
-do- Acc	164.90	174.50	-0.80	3.23
Smaller Cos	65.20	69.00*	...	2.81
-do- Acc	125.20	132.50	...	2.81
Trustee	42.00	44.40	-0.20	3.53
Charifund 3	1117.35	...	-0.10	9.19
Charifund 2	661.10	668.00	-2.20	5.30
Pension ex 1	893.00	915.40	-3.30	4.13
NAACIF Inc 3	148.61	...	...	6.87
-do- Acc 3	1199.7	...	+0.50	6.87
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 400, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	143.10	153.10	+0.20	1.91
-do- Acc	160.40	171.50	+0.20	1.91
UK Income	120.30	128.60	+0.16	2.34
-do- Acc	135.90	145.40	+0.16	2.34
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	88.54	94.70	-0.07	0.42
Far East	143.20	152.00	+0.50	0.16
Income Growth	74.27	78.84*	-0.45	3.00
European	74.01	78.57	-0.07	1.10
Nth American	57.13	60.65	+0.35	0.43
UK Growth	81.33	86.34	-0.53	1.99
Intl Growth	99.76	105.90	-0.50	0.33
Charities	114.20	121.20*	-0.70	3.91
Intl Income	70.46	74.80*	-0.64	4.15
Japan	57.77	61.33	-0.52	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	187.00	198.30	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	199.80	211.90	-1.80	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	...	5.54
-do- Acc	131.00	131.00	...	5.54
Emg Mkts Acc	96.35	103.60	+0.60	...
European Gth	208.70	221.20*	-1.90	0.72
-do- Acc	224.00	238.20*	-1.90	0.72
General	479.40	511.40	-4.00	2.37
-do- Acc	917.70	978.90	-7.50	2.37
Global Dist	130.20	136.90	+0.80	5.33
-do- Acc	149.60	157.30	+0.80	5.33
Income	145.90	154.90*	-0.90	4.40
-do- Acc	216.10	230.10*	-1.30	4.40
International	409.90	436.80	+1.70	0.64
-do- Acc	545.10	580.90	+2.30	0.64
Japan Acc	201.40	213.60	-0.40	...
New Europe	151.50	161.60	-1.20	1.61
-do- Acc	153.90	164.20	-1.30	1.61
Recovery	304.20	324.50	-1.90	2.76
-do- Acc	384.40	410.00	-2.50	2.76
European Inc	77.55	82.20	-0.52	2.97
-do- Acc	100.50	106.40	-0.80	2.97
Brit Blue Chip	75.07	79.88	-0.46	3.15
-do- Acc	88.53	94.21	-0.56	3.15
Portfolio	76.48	81.34	-0.38	2.78
-do- Acc	87.77	93.36	-0.43	2.78
Gold General	127.20	136.80	+3.80	0.69
-do- Acc	130.09	139.80	+3.90	0.69
Pacific	100.10	106.80	+0.90	0.78
-do- Acc	106.50	113.60	+1.10	0.78
UK Smaller Cos	56.11	59.85*	-0.38	1.82
-do- Acc	63.05	67.25*	-0.44	1.82
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 976				
Balanced Dist	59.24	63.36	+0.01	2.57
-do- Acc	60.16	64.34	+0.02	2.57
British Dist	79.65	85.19	+0.02	2.03
-do- Acc	90.16	96.43	+0.02	2.03
European Gth	185.10	198.00	-1.50	0.02
-do- Acc	232.50	248.70	-1.80	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.02	78.10	-0.04	5.45
-do- Acc	130.60	139.70	-0.10	5.45
FT-SE 100 Index	49.92	53.39	+0.06	2.62
-do- Acc	50.67	54.19	+0.06	2.62
Gilt Fixed Int	57.81	60.19	-0.02	6.56
-do- Acc	156.40	162.90	...	6.56
High Yield	233.60	249.80	-0.20	4.39
-do- Acc	548.30	586.40	-0.60	4.39
Income	290.80	311.00	-0.60	3.12
-do- Acc	614.80	657.50	-1.30	3.12
Japan Gth	358.40	383.30	-2.30	...
-do- Acc	378.30	404.60	-2.40	...
Mandarin Acc	106.50	113.90	+1.50	0.78
North American	163.50	174.90	+1.40	0.53
-do- Acc	206.30	220.60	+1.80	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enq: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	283.50	301.60	+2.70	...
Deposit Inc	100.02	100.02*	+0.01	5.59
Deposit Acc	123.88	123.88*	+0.02	5.59
Euro Gth Acc	312.40	333.70	-1.70	...
Europa	136.80	146.90*	-1.00	...
Intl Gth	176.20	188.20	+0.40	...
Japan Tracker	79.52	84.25	-0.23	...
UK Equity Inc	162.70	175.00	-0.90	3.78
-do- Acc	199.50	214.60	-1.10	3.78
UK Ind Tracker	147.10	157.40*	-0.80	3.06
US Eq Ind Trkr	189.90	201.60*	+1.60	1.47
-do- Acc	202.00	214.30*	+1.70	1.47
Asian Trader	175.30	189.90	+0.50	0.42
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	165.90	169.90*	+0.70	1.77
European	65.54	66.80*	-0.75	1.65
Olympiad	59.13	60.67*	-0.03	0.20
Global Bond	48.76	49.40*	+0.07	6.27
Smaller Cos	70.73	73.96	-0.32	1.20
Equity Income	94.42	97.01*	-0.66	5.10
UK Growth	85.94	88.65	-0.39	1.78
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.85	49.97	+0.43	1.20
Australian Acc	314.40	337.30	+3.70	...
Conscience	64.46	68.79	-0.10	1.22
-do- Acc	69.58	74.25	-0.11	1.22
European	177.90	189.20	-2.00	0.91
-do- Acc	191.40	203.60	-2.20	0.91
Extra Income	75.07	80.11*	+0.02	5.54
-do- Acc	116.30	124.10	...	5.54
Far East Gth	175.90	188	+0.80	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.15	63.48*	-0.09	6.34
Gold	44.90	48.27	+1.81	...
-do- Acc	48.35	51.98	+1.95	...
Income	54.62	58.26	-0.06	4.74
-do- Acc	167.20	178.30	-0.20	4.74
International	30.68	32.90	+0.01	0.64
-do- Acc	44.09	47.28	+0.02	0.64
Jap Sm Cos Acc	366.80	391.20	-1.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	217.20	232.90	-0.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.55	28.54	-0.09	0.66
Special Sits	33.63	36.16	-0.21	1.74
-do- Acc	38.74	41.65	-0.24	1.74
Tokyo	88.15	94.02	-0.62	...
-do- Acc	89.04	94.97	-0.63	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	69.48	73.92	-0.10	2.64
N&P Glt Fxd Int	78.07	82.62*	-0.07	5.57
N&P Higher Inc	212.40	226.00	-0.60	4.54
N&P UK Income	106.80	113.70	-0.20	3.50
N&P Intl	91.04	96.86	-0.17	1.78
N&P Smaller Cos	76.38	81.26*	-0.22	1.57
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 332 9000				
General	173.78	184.88	+0.39	2.02
Global	307.43	327.06*	+0.69	3.06
Growth	114.35	121.65	+0.16	1.95
Income	214.16	227.84	+0.18	3.70
Intl Bond	135.99	144.41	+0.47	6.76
Intrepid Fd	97.03	101.08	...	1.70
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	143.30	150.80	-0.70	2.45
-do- Acc	254.00	267.30	-1.10	2.45
Income	230.80	245.50	-1.20	3.28
Intl Equity	230.50	245.20*	...	0.72
-do- Acc	254.00	270.10	...	0.72
Equity	224.90	239.20	-1.20	2.33
-do- Acc	461.00	490.40	-2.50	2.33
UK Intl 25 Acc	72.58	77.20	-0.27	1.80
UK Income	63.13	67.15	-0.35	2.84
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.77	86.98	-0.20	1.39
New Europe Acc	65.00	69.14	-0.55	0.95
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	100.75	107.76	-0.71	0.22
PEP Growth	106.40	113.80	-0.30	1.32
Intl Gth	513.40	549.10	-1.27	0.48
Income	328.21	351.03	-0.51	3.08
W'wide Recov	328.62	351.47	-0.71	0.59
American Gth	210.98	225.65	+0.82	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	201.82	215.86	-0.40	0.16
Far East Gth	236.20	252.63	+0.73	0.24
European Gth	123.55	132.14	-1.54	1.30
UK Growth	82.11	87.82	-0.17	2.78
High Income	89.22	95.43	-0.12	4.27
Japanese Gth	225.54	239.78	-0.84	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	184.70	196.50	-0.60	0.65
High Income	114.60	121.90	+0.50	3.90
Conv Gilt	116.10	123.50*	-0.50	5.55
Far East	330.40	351.50*	+1.80	0.08
Global Inc Acc	32.93	35.03	-0.04	4.90
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.94	54.19	+0.49	0.20
Emerging Mkts	71.47	76.03	+0.33	0.50
General	49.18	52.32	-0.04	3.07
International	87.55	93.14	+0.12	1.29
Gilt Units	27.25	28.09*	-0.02	7.08
Global PEP	36.75	39.10	+0.08	1.36
Income Gth	69.20	73.62*	-1.57	4.45
European	46.26	49.21	-0.50	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	28.96	28.68*	-0.08	5.45
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925991				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.78	35.05	+0.05	1.52
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.27	101.76*	+0.01	4.70
-do- Acc	106.45	106.97*	+0.01	4.70
Pru Equity	686.95	734.70	+0.47	2.45
Pru Equity Inc	82.56	88.29*	-0.26	4.37
Pru European	185.75	198.66	-2.02	0.83
Pru Global Gth	82.19	87.90	-0.13	1.21
Pru High Inc	89.54	95.76*	-0.33	4.49
Pru Intl	165.75	177.27	+0.45	1.05
Pru Intl Sm Co	71.69	76.69*	-0.18	0.64
Pru Japanese	207.72	222.16*	+1.30	..
Pru Nth Amer	147.90	158.18	+0.35	0.79
Pru Pacific Mkt	82.58	88.32	+0.83	1.05
Pru Premr Inc	51.40	53.51	-0.05	5.06
Pru Smllr Cos	85.83	91.70	-0.09	2.14
Pru Spec Sits	101.62	108.68	+0.10	2.31
Pru UK Grwth	112.44	120.25*	+0.04	2.40
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	162.20	173.23	-1.08	3.93
FA Japan	286.44	304.79	-0.82	...
FA Maj UK Cos	94.47	100.82	-0.64	2.43
FA America Inc	509.81	543.08*	+3.66	0.94
-do- Acc	594.08	632.85	+4.26	0.94
FA Smlr UK Cos	280.89	304.01*	-0.82	1.46
FA European	270.09	286.55	-1.17	1.27
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966. or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.66	78.36	+0.70	3.55
Capital Units	149.20	158.70	-0.80	1.09
Commodity	103.70	110.30*	+2.00	1.11
European Gth	168.50	179.30	-2.10	1.09
Financial Sec	183.80	195.50	-0.50	1.30
High Return	217.80	231.70	-0.90	3.75
High Yield	215.10	228.80*	-1.50	3.68
Income Units	113.90	121.20*	-0.90	4.54
Investment	188.70	200.70	-1.00	1.05
Japan Gth	170.30	181.20*	-1.30	...
Japan Smaller	200.90	213.70	-1.30	...
Masterfund	49.26	52.40	-0.29	0.86
Scotbits	280.50	298.40	-1.30	0.95
Scotshares	265.20	282.10	-1.90	2.43
Scotyields	230.00	244.70*	-1.40	3.86
Select Intl	133.00	141.50	+0.10	0.58
Smaller Cos	238.10	253.30*	-0.60	3.03
Special Situation	112.10	119.30	-0.60	0.66
UK Equity	230.80	245.50	-1.30	2.68
US Growth	140.20	149.10	+0.70	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Enq: 0800 526 535 Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	237.96	253.21	+1.74	0.56
-do- Acc	257.82	274.34	+1.88	0.56
Australian	132.55	141.38*	+1.12	0.32
-do- Acc	156.62	167.06	+1.32	0.32
UK Enterprise	226.53	241.63	-1.03	2.17
-do- Acc	264.72	282.36	-1.21	2.17
European Gth	65.30	69.24	-0.63	1.21
-do- Acc	67.81	71.91	-0.66	1.21
Euro Smllr Cos	60.69	64.72	-0.50	0.59
-do- Acc	61.10	65.16	-0.51	0.59
Far Eastern Gth	77.50	82.66*	+0.57	...
-do- Acc	78.75	83.99	+0.58	...
Fixed Interest	54.70	57.68*	-0.05	5.85
-do- Acc	68.75	72.44	-0.02	5.85
Gilt Income	106.70	112.46*	...	7.14
-do- Acc	153.13	161.40*	-0.01	7.14
Income	332.93	355.12*	-0.83	3.94
-do- Acc	1000.5	1067.2	-2.49	3.94
Japan Enterprise	69.72	74.36	-0.16	...
-do- Acc	69.72	74.36	-0.16	...
Japan Smllr Cos	506.75	540.53	+0.61	...
-do- Acc	507.77	541.61	+0.61	...
Pacific Gth	101.63	108.40*	+0.11	0.09
-do- Acc	104.65	111.61	+0.11	0.09
Smaller Cos	202.98	216.51	-0.19	0.83
-do- Acc	234.77	250.42	-0.22	0.83
Tokyo	115.89	123.61*	+0.24	...
-do- Acc	117.06	124.86	+0.25	...
UK Equity	222.43	237.47	+0.21	2.53
-do- Acc	417.97	445.83	+0.40	2.53
US Smllr Cos	140.90	150.29	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	140.90	150.29	+0.05	...
World Fd	73.91	78.83*	+0.10	1.70
-do- Acc	78.56	83.80	+0.11	1.70
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.92	53.17	-0.10	3.72
Equity Strategy	65.80	70.08	-0.59	1.04
European Opps	77.28	82.30	-0.60	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.91	100.85	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.17	61.95	-0.02	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	357.30	381.40	+0.30	2.76
American	249.80	265.10	+2.00	0.76
Pacific	353.50	378.10	+0.70	0.55
European	479.70	513.10	-4.00	1.07
Worldwide	85.09	91.01	+0.12	1.09
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	309.80	329.60	-2.10	2.04
UK Sm Cos Eqy	221.20	236.40	+0.20	1.43
European	351.90	374.00	-3.30	1.57
North American	260.70	277.40	+2.30	0.56
Income Plus Inc	68.64	73.03*	-0.69	2.80
UK Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2543/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.82	28.71	-0.13	2.75
Intl Growth Acc	30.66	32.64	+0.10	1.02
Market Ldrs Acc	26.73	28.61	-0.03	2.96
FOR SUTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226				
European	‡107.50	...	-0.40	..
Global Bond	‡105.30	...	...	7.14
Japan Samurai	‡98.21	...	-0.20	...
UK Growth	‡101.10	...	-0.30	3.91
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	46.43	49.34	...	1.45
Equity Gth Acc	63.98	67.98	-0.10	1.01
UK Eq General	43.72	46.46	...	2.11
-do- Acc	57.74	61.38	...	2.11
European Acc	44.63	47.42	+0.10	0.71
Far East Acc	59.09	62.79	-0.10	0.30
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.09	34.98	-0.10	5.80
N American Acc	43.21	45.92	...	0.08
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	290.70	315.50	-0.70	1.34
UK Eq High Inc	38.02	40.40	...	3.39
-do- Acc	45.15	47.98	...	3.39
UK Lgr Cos Inc	303.40	329.20	-0.10	3.65
UK Lgr Cos Acc	395.10	428.70	-0.10	3.65
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N233.71	N233.94	-0.067	1.35
US Eq	$2.199	$2.336	+0.002	1.14
Far East Eq	Y266.9	Y282.3	-9.20	...
Japan Eq	Y252.9	Y268.6	-7.90	...
FT Europe	119.00	126.40	+0.50	2.06
FT North Am	$1.733	$1.837	-0.02	1.30
FT Japan	Y242.4	Y257.4	-8.10	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.024	$2.150	+0.003	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	343.70	367.00	+1.30	0.33
British	984.40	1041.50	-2.60	3.44
European	426.60	454.30	-2.00	1.29
Japan	158.30	168.00	-0.10	...
New Pacific	318.00	338.70	-3.30	0.86
Mngd Cash	96.18	96.18	+0.01	5.07
Majority Stlg	100.38	101.39	+0.01	4.78
Inv Tst	200.00	212.00*	-0.60	1.69
Saints PPF	408.30	429.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690339				
Equity Acc	759.50	812.30	...	2.75
N America Acc	119.30	127.60	+1.10	0.16
Far East Acc	132.40	141.60	-0.30	0.21
W'wide Bond	63.34	67.24	+0.40	5.24
European	89.30	95.51	-1.11	0.85
Equity Income	88.48	94.63	-0.06	3.67
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.49	35.82*	-0.35	0.50
Managed Assets	123.35	131.93	-0.53	2.65
UK Income	38.51	41.19	-0.21	2.97
UK Growth	37.94	40.58	-0.24	2.22
Worldwide Gth	32.46	34.72*	+0.06	0.55
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	211.09	224.57*	+0.34	...
-do- Acc	232.51	247.35*	+0.37	...
British Gth	87.96	93.57*	+0.08	1.99
-do- Acc	104.19	110.84*	+0.03	1.99
European	100.06	106.45*	-0.60	0.70
-do- Acc	106.34	113.13*	-0.64	0.70
Extra Inc	193.97	206.35*	+2.72	3.98
-do- Acc	316.71	336.93*	+4.45	3.98
General Unit	275.61	293.20	+4.67	2.41
-do- Acc	550.55	585.69	+9.34	2.41
Income	340.67	362.41	-0.45	3.50
-do- Acc	707.90	753.09	-0.93	3.50
International	499.49	531.38	-0.29	0.25
-do- Acc	653.89	695.62	-0.39	0.25
Pacific	357.66	380.48	-3.43	...
-do- Acc	375.81	399.79	-3.61	...
Premier Income	53.95	56.20	-0.12	6.24
-do- Acc	114.09	118.84	-0.24	6.24
Nat Resources	128.32	136.51	+4.45	...
-do- Acc	140.83	149.82	+4.89	...
Selected Opps	101.34	107.81*	+2.00	1.13
-do- Acc	127.82	135.98*	+2.52	1.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	68.77	73.35	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	70.93	75.65	-0.21	...
European Opps	64.86	68.89	-0.75	0.43
-do- Acc	65.53	69.60	-0.76	0.43
Japan	93.57	99.80	-0.05	...
-do- Acc	93.57	99.80	-0.05	...
Little Dragons	82.20	87.67	-0.18	0.57
-do- Acc	84.60	90.24	-0.19	0.57
Oriental Income	43.85	46.77	-0.08	3.40
-do- Acc	57.73	61.57	-0.10	3.40
Tiger	225.95	241.01	+0.53	1.09
-do- Acc	237.39	253.21	+0.57	1.09
Uk Small Cos	89.19	95.38	-0.08	1.67
-do- Acc	104.04	111.27	-0.10	1.67
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.43	18.54	+0.46	0.50
Pacific Basin	35.16	37.40	-0.28	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.48	37.74	+0.40	...
Global Bond	$0.974	$1.014	-0.016	6.96
Penny Share	26	27.66	-0.20	1.90
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.34	53.35	+0.01	4.86
Gilt Growth	72.34	75.29	-0.07	...
Gilt Income	53.65	55.83*	-0.05	7.00
Short Dtd Gilt	111.10	112.50	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.720	$0.730	+0.000	...
Challenger	98.47	100.80	+0.30	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	71.59	76.15	+0.11	1.88

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	13,000	Cadbury	1,900	MEPC	399	Scot & New	1,100
Abbey Natl	1,800	Carlton C	710	Marks Spr	3,600	Scot Power	1,500
Alld-Lyons	2,900	Coats Vyla	4,500	NFC	605	Sears	7,500
Anglian W	645	Cm Union	719	NatWst Bk	6,100	Svrn Trent	1,500
Argyll Gp	5,500	Courtaulds	863	Nat Power	1,900	Shell Trans	3,000
Arjo Wiggn	3,700	Enterpr Oil	2,500	Nth Wst W	1,600	Siebe	2,400
AB Foods	963	Forte	2,500	Nthn Fds	3,600	SmKl Bch	3,800
BAA	973	GRE	1,100	P&O	886	Smith Nph	2,100
BAT Inds	10,000	GUS A	377	Pearson	1,100	Std Chartd	1,100
BOC	2,800	Gen Acc	419	PowerGen	1,500	Sun Allnce	2,100
BP	12,000	Gen Elec	3,500	Prudential	4,600	TI Gp	856
BT	11,000	Glaxo	8,400	RMC	631	TSB	3,400
BTR	7,300	Granada	779	RTZ	1,700	Tesco	6,300
Bk of Scot	3,200	Grand Met	6,900	Rank Org	474	Thames W	1,000
Barclays	4,200	Guinness	3,500	Reckitt Col	839	Thrn EMI	3,200
Bass	2,500	HSBC	7,200	Redland	774	Tomkins	1,900
Blue Circle	2,000	Hanson	8,400	Reed Intl	1,300	Unilever	2,900
Boots	2,400	ICI	1,200	Rentokil	689	Utd Bisc	605
Bowater	2,700	Inchcape	1,500	Reuters	1,300	Vodafone	3,900
Brit Aero	1,500	Kingfisher	2,600	Rolls Royce	8,000	Warburg (SG)	622
Brit Airways	5,700	Ladbroke	4,100	Rothmans	315	Wellcome	3,400
Brit Gas	5,700	Land Secs	1,000	Ryl Ins	2,500	Whitbd 'A'	1,700
Brit Steel	20,000	Legal & Gn	1,400	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000	Wlms Hld	698
Burman Cstrl	257	Lloyds Bk	2,200	Sainsbury	6,400	Wolseley	233
Cable Wire	3,600	MB Cardn	1,700	Schroders	87	Zeneca	2,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3537.80 (+0.56)
S&P Composite 454.73 (+1.78)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20174.62 (-292.03)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7478.90 (-16.41)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 123.5 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO 1919.3 (-5.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1893.00 (-32.85)

FT 30 share: 2329.2 (+4.3)

Brussels:
General 6508.44 (-72.43)

Paris: CAC 573.47 (-5.95)

Zurich: SKA Gen 565.70 (-3.60)

London:
FT A All-Share 1494.78 (+1.79)
FT 500 1611.91 (+2.36)
FT Gold Mines 176.6 (+1.7)
FT Fixed Interest 122.55 (-0.41)
FT Govt Secs 101.26 (-0.12)
Bargains 27748
SEAQ Volume 670.7m
USM (Datastrm) 145.12 (-0.09)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 13	September 24	December 9	December 20

Call options were taken out on 22/9/93: Campbell & Armstrong, Cannon Street Inv, Ferranti Intl, JF Fledgeling Japan, Molynx, Phonelink, Waverley Mng, W Morrison.
Put: Proteus Intl.
Puts & Calls: Monument Oil & Gas, Next.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3012.0	3030.0	2988.0	3026.0	15199
Previous open interest: 50042	Mar 94	3030.5	3042.0	3030.5	3043.5	511
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.29	94.33	94.28	94.32	13736
Previous open interest: 343092	Mar 94	94.43	94.47	94.41	94.46	5085
	Jun 94	94.38	94.43	94.36	94.42	2324
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.52	96.53	96.52	96.52	530
Previous open interest: 8972	Mar 94	96.46	96.46	96.45	96.46	28
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.89	93.94	93.88	93.91	32319
Previous open interest: 584242	Mar 94	94.37	94.46	94.37	94.43	12968
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-09	112-09	112-06	112-02	503
Previous open interest: 84875	Dec 93	111-28	112-04	111-20	111-27	50495
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	111.94	112.15	111.90	112.04	2108
	Mar 94				111.29	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	98.78	99.02	98.61	98.76	168543
Previous open interest: 159339	Mar 94	98.73	99.04	98.73	98.81	117
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	101.29	101.39	101.15	101.29	4156
Previous open interest: 14147	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.07	93.13	93.06	93.10	2328
Previous open interest: 26849	Mar 94	93.92	93.95	93.88	93.93	549
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.64	95.68	95.62	95.64	3673
Previous open interest: 38855	Mar 94	95.93	95.95	95.90	95.91	2726
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	112.44	112.78	112.05	112.35	47216
Previous open interest: 65696	Mar 94	112.32	112.32	112.32	112.15	20

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.7 (day's range 80.5-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7659-2.7868	2.7752-2.7786	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	52.45-52.89	52.64-52.84	14-20ds	35-44ds
Copenhagen	10.0480-10.1020	10.0480-10.0700	3⅞-5⅛ds	9½-11ds
Dublin	1.0592-1.0621	1.0596-1.0619	11-15ds	26-33ds
Frankfurt	2.4676-2.4788	2.4676-2.4708	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	252.90-254.30	253.82-254.30	89-130ds	277-358ds
Madrid	197.96-199.12	198.68-199.12	69-81ds	206-223ds
Milan	2393.90-2403.00	2393.90-2398.50	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	1.9963-2.0057	2.0028-2.0057	0.30-0.21pr	0.53-0.39pr
New York	1.5135-1.5200	1.5190-1.5200	0.37-0.36pr	1.06-1.04pr
Oslo	10.7440-10.8300	10.7620-10.7850	par-⅞ds	¼-1¼ds
Paris	8.5730-8.6400	8.5970-8.6190	1-1¼ds	2⅞-3⅜ds
Stockholm	12.2790-12.4520	12.3130-12.3370	1⅞-3⅛ds	5½-7⅜ds
Tokyo	160.69-161.70	161.43-161.70	⅝-⅜pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.29-17.44	17.36-17.39	⅞-1⅞ds	1¾-3¼ds
Zurich	2.1431-2.1546	2.1516-2.1546	¼-⅛pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5116-1.5142
Australia dollar	2.3075-2.3107
Bahrain dinar	0.5645-0.5765
Brazil cruzeiro *	174.62-175.96
Cyprus pound	0.747-0.757
Finland marka	8.947-9.063
Greece drachma	351.75-358.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.7050-11.7143
India rupee	47.09-48.05
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4485-0.4585
Malaysia ringgit	3.8566-3.8607
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7271-2.7324
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.612-5.738
Singapore dollar	2.4097-2.4128
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0528-7.0879
S Africa rand (com)	5.2022-5.2087
U A E dirham	5.4955-5.6195

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5253-1.5264
Austria	11.485-11.490
Belgium (Com)	34.800-34.803
Canada	1.3195-1.3200
Denmark	6.6468-6.6543
France	5.6835-5.6855
Germany	1.6313-1.6323
Hong Kong	7.7363-7.7373
Ireland	1.4293-1.4308
Italy	1577.0-1578.0
Japan	106.42-106.47
Malaysia	2.5490-2.5500
Netherlands	1.8323-1.8328
Norway	7.1138-7.1213
Portugal	166.58-166.68
Singapore	1.5932-1.5942
Spain	130.80-131.00
Sweden	8.1223-8.1323
Switzerland	1.4215-1.4225

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: [illegible] Low [illegible] Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible], close 6.					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.26-3.23	3.46-3.43
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1993 Agreed rates Sept 26, 1993 to Oct 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.15 %. Reference rate July 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.896 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3-2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $359.00-359.40 Close: $354.00-354.50 High: $362.25-362.75 Low: $351.00-351.50 Krugerrand: $353.00-356.00 (£232.00-234.00)
Sovereigns: Old $81.00-84.00 (£52.50-55.00) New $81.00-84.00 (£52.50-55.00)
Platinum: $361.00 (£238.05) Silver: $4.08 (£2.675) Palladium: $123.00 (£81.10)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	42½	52½	62½	4	14	19½
(*587½)	600	12½	24	35	22½	37½	44
Argyll	300	13½	23	30	8½	17	21
(*303)	330	3	11	17½	30½	37	39
ASDA	57	7	—	—	1½	—	—
(*62)	67	2	—	—	6½	—	—
Boots	460	33½	42½	52½	4½	13	18
(*486½)	500	8½	20½	30½	21½	32	37½
Br Airways	345	21	32	—	7½	18½	—
(*356½)	360	12	24	33½	15	25½	31
BP	300	11	19½	24½	5½	14	17½
(*302½)	330	1½	7½	12	29	32½	35½
Br Steel	110	8½	14½	18	3½	7	9½
(*114½)	120	4	8½	13	9	13	15
C & W	850	25	47	64½	19	35½	43½
(*851½)	900	6½	24½	42	56	69½	71½
CU	580	33½	—	—	5	—	—
(*604½)	620	7½	—	—	29½	—	—
ICI	681	37½	55	—	9½	22	—
(*701½)	750	4	21½	30	53	61	75½
Kingfshr	650	24	45	59	13½	25	33
(*658)	700	5	21½	35	46½	53½	60½
Land Sec	650	31	44	57	7	19	22½
(*670)	700	6½	19½	32	35	47	49½
M & S	360	28½	36½	43½	3½	8	11½
(*384)	390	8½	18½	25½	13½	20½	24
Nat West	460	42½	54½	59½	2½	8	16½
(*497)	500	13½	28	34½	14½	24	34
Sainsbury	420	29	41½	51½	5	16	21½
(*440)	460	8	22½	31½	24	35	42½
Shell	600	44	58½	62½	2	9	16½
(*639)	650	9	27	32	19½	27½	40
Smkl Bch	420	24	38	47½	14½	27	30½
(*424)	460	7½	22½	31½	41	51	54½
Storehse	220	9	16	21	7	13	16½
(*220)	240	2½	7½	12	21½	26	27½
Trafalgar	101	6	—	—	4½	—	—
(*101)	110	3	7	9½	11½	15	16
Unilever	1050	67½	72½	98	9	27½	38
(*1064)	1100	19	43	59	31	50	62
Zeneca	700	36½	59½	69	10½	23	39
(*722)	750	12	33½	44	36	49	66½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	390	29	39½	45	4	15	18½
(*412½)	420	10	24½	30	16	30½	33½
Ladbroke	180	11	19	21	6½	13	18½
(*187)	200	2½	11	12½	20	25	31
Utd Bisc	330	20½	36	39	5½	14	20½
(*350)	360	8	21	24½	22	30	39

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	800	68	74	90½	7½	15	21
(*851½)	850	32	43½	59½	23½	34½	41½
Thames W	500	55½	58	66½	3	7½	11½
(*549½)	550	18	25½	35½	20½	26	30½

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	450	25½	38	—	11	17	—
(*460½)	475	12½	25	—	24	30	—
BTR	360	18	26	28½	9½	14	18
(*366)	390	5½	12½	16	27½	31½	35½
Br Aero	390	44	62	69½	15	28½	36
(*414½)	420	28	47	55½	28½	44	51½
Br Telecm	430	18	25	32	9½	19½	21
(*424½)	460	3½	9	14½	37½	44½	46
Cadbury	453	23	35½	38½	9½	18	26½
(*460½)	493	6½	17	20½	37	41½	50
Guinness	460	21	33	38	19½	29½	33
(*461)	500	6½	16	22	48	51½	58½
GEC	330	23½	29	36	5	10½	11½
(*345½)	360	7	14½	20½	20½	25½	26½
Hanson	240	20½	24½	26	3	7½	9½
(*255)	260	8	13	15½	11	16½	19½
LASMO	130	16½	22½	25½	5	6½	10½
(*139½)	140	10½	17½	21	9	13	16
Lucas	140	14	18½	22	6	9½	13
(*149)	160	4	9	12½	18	21½	24½
Pilkngtn	140	18	22	24½	3½	8	11
(*157½)	160	7	12	14½	12½	19	22
Prudential	330	14½	24	27	11	15	22
(*331½)	360	4	11	14	32	34	40
Redland	500	38½	50½	59	14	21	35½
(*529½)	550	12½	27	35	41½	48	63
Royal Ins	284	29½	37½	—	4½	9	—
(*310)	317	11½	20½	—	16½	22	—
Tesco	200	15	22½	26	6	11	15½
(*208½)	220	5½	13	16½	18½	22½	27
Vodafone	460	47	58½	68	7	16½	21½
(*494)	500	22½	35	46	23½	33½	38½
Williams	300	28½	37	40	4½	9	14½
(*320½)	330	11	19½	24	18	23	29½

FT-SE INDEX (*3006)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	120	79	45	23	9	4
Nov	140	109	74	52	32	19
Dec	165	128	97	71	48	33
Jan	179	144	114	90	66	49
Jun	242	—	179	—	131	—
Puts						
Oct	12	21	40	69	109	155
Nov	29	41	60	86	118	158
Dec	39	52	72	97	127	164
Jan	47	63	83	104	138	174
Jun	93	—	131	—	183	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	31	40½	43½	8½	16½	19½
(*407½)	420	15½	24	28	23	31½	34½
Amstrad	40	5½	7	8½	3½	5	5½
(*41½)	45	3½	5	6	6½	7½	9½
Barclays	500	30½	42½	47½	15½	27	30
(*507½)	550	9½	19½	25	47½	56	58
Blue Circ	260	21½	30	32½	—	16½	24
(*256½)	280	11½	19½	23½	22½	27½	35
Br Gas	300	28	33	36	6	9	14
(*324)	330	8	17	20	19	23	29½
Dixons	260	20	27	34	16½	22½	26
(*260½)	280	12	19	25	29	34½	37½
Forte	220	17	24	27	10½	15	21
(*226)	240	8	14½	17½	23½	27	32½
Hillsdwn	140	23	25	26	4	6½	11½
(*159)	160	9	13½	15	12	16	22½
Lonrho	120	13	18	19½	7	11½	12½
(*123)	130	8	13	15	13	17	19
Sears	110	12	15	16	3½	5	7
(*119)	120	6	9½	11	8	10	12
Thm Emi	950	62	75½	93½	21	33½	39½
(*977)	1000	33	49½	65½	45½	58½	64
Tomkins	220	21½	26	30½	7½	12	14
(*230)	240	10½	15½	21	17½	22½	24½
TSB	200	18½	23	26	6½	12½	14
(*208½)	220	8½	13½	17	17	23	24½
Wellcome	700	55	71½	87	41	51	61
(*714½)	750	32	49	63½	70	78½	89

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Apr		Puts Dec	Puts Apr	
Glaxo	600	74	94	—	23	41½	—
(*640)	650	46	68½	—	46	60	—
HSBC	650	62	81½	—	17½	36	—
(*684)	700	33	54½	—	40½	61½	—
Reuter	1500	95	129	—	43½	77	—
(*1524)	1550	67½	101	—	57	101½	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Dec	Puts Feb	Puts May
R-Royce	137	14	16½	—	8	10	—
(*143)	156	6	9½	—	20	22	—

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	160	12	19½	21½	4½	9½	14½
(*166)	180	3	7	13	17	23	26½

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastrn Ele	550	28	38½	46½	11	21	24
(*561½)	600	6½	15½	23	42	50	52

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	360	36½	44	50	4½	9	14½
(*390)	390	17	29½	32½	16½	21½	27
Scot Pwr	350	36½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*377)	390	11	17	23	20	25	27

September 22, 1993 Tot: 42441 Call: 22198 Put: 20243 FT-SE Call: 5251 Put: 9905
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: As expected the knee-jerk reaction to the world commodity markets to the Russian crisis had largely eroded by midday with many traders nonchalant about the situation having lived through several previous disaster scenarios. While it is true that Yeltsin's move could have catastrophic consequences, it could also unfold very smoothly, therefore this is a wait and see situation.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Sep 900-890 Dec 974-972
Dec 927-925 Mar 980 SLR
Mar 956-955 May 990 SLR
May 964-962 Jul 997 BID
Jul 970 SLR
Sep 972-968 Volume: 20256

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Sep 1322-1320 May 1243-1240
Nov 1268-1267 Jul 1228 SLR
Jan 1262-1261 Sep 1228 SLR
Mar 1247 SLR Volume: 5170

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
Dec unq
Spot: unq Mar
May unq May
Aug Aug
Oct Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Aug 283.5-81.5
Spot: 285.0 Oct 276.0-74.1
Dec 272.8-72.0 Dec 278.0-75.1
Mar 276.1-75.1 Mar 282.0-75.1
May 278.3-77.3 Volume: 1272

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	64.40	82.91	117.84
(+/-)	-0.12	+3.22	-1.16
Eng/Wales:	64.39	83.16	116.75
(+/-)	-0.10	+3.39	-1.14
(%)	-5.2	+10.1	-30.3
Scotland:	67.09	81.35	121.35
(+/-)	-7.71	+2.23	-1.97
(%)	+30.0	-29.3	-15.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq		Mar	unq	
Sep	unq			Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Sep 102.30
Nov 102.45
Jan 104.30
Mar 106.30
May 108.55
Volume: 207

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 101.00
Nov 102.50
Jan 104.65
Mar 106.60
May 107.90
Volume: 1

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug unq
Oct
Dec
Feb
Apr
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	72.5
Apr	86.5	85.4
May	unq	98.8
		Volume: 110

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 58.25-58.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Concerns about the political situation in Russia started to fade, thus oil prices did likewise.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.95	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.05	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.35	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.65	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.90	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	181 (-1)	183 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	167 (+1)	168 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	170 (+2)	171 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	171 (+2)	172 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (-1)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	150 (+1)	152 (+1)

IPE FUTURES GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
Oct 165.25-65.50 Jan 169.00-69.50
Nov 166.50-66.75 Feb 168.25-68.50
Dec 167.75-68.00 Mar 167.25 SLR
Vol: 18332

BRENT (6.00pm)
Nov 16.33-16.34 Feb 16.95 SLR
Dec 16.56-16.57 Mar 17.10-17.15
Jan 16.74-16.75 Vol: 31496

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Oct 169.00-70.75 Jan n/a
Nov 172.50 SLR Feb n/a
Dec 163.50-75.00 Vol: 28

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 93	1477	1453	1477
Nov 93	1480	1455	1480
Jan 94	1470	1455	1470
Apr 94	1477	1460	1478

Vol: 278 lots. Open int'st: 3144 Index 1421 +5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1770.0-1772.0	1778.0-1780.0	1824000
Lead ($/tonne)	368.50-369.00	382.00-382.50	76825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	884.00-885.00	901.00-901.50	372050
Tin ($/tonne)	4357.0-4360.0	4405.0-4410.0	11160
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1101.0-1102.0	1118.5-1119.0	833175
Nickel ($/tonne)	4175.0-4185.0	4250.0-4255.0	45900

Strong turnround

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 20. Dealings end October 1. §Contango day October 4. Settlement day October 11. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	408	-1	11.5	3.5	15.7
284	170	Allied Irish	255	-3	...	4.1	14.2
197¼	130	Aus New Z	170	-1	...	5.0	...
3806¼	2712½	Bancamerica	3037½	-37½	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	243	-2	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	...	5.1	19.6
176	116½	Bank Scotland	167	...	17.0	6.1	...
517	362	Barclays	507	-2	4.5	3.4	23.3
4¼	2	Benchmark	3½	-2	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	22	...	...	...	...
570	395	Cater Allen	555	...	...	...	...
153	85	Cattles	135	-1	27.0	6.1	...
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2356¼	-1	...	3.9	18.0
2387¼	1343¼	Citicorp	2356¼	-3¼	...	...	...
435	250	Close Bros	430	+12½	11.0	3.3	∞
£130¼	9275	Commerzbk	£126¼	...	...	3.1	...
£319¼	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£313	+37½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	93	-675	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	+1	...	0.4	...
495	343	Gerrard Nat	484	-41	...	...	...
774	490	HSBC	684	-1	21.5	5.6	12.9
752	474	HSBC HK	674	+4	19.0	3.5	16.4
389	243	Hambros	366	+5	19.0	3.5	16.1
418	313	Joseph (L)	418	+5	14.0	4.8	16.9
155	96	King Shaxson	143	+6	16.6	5.0	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	470	...	9.0	7.9	...
591	492	Lloyds	552	...	16.0	4.3	16.3
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	99	...	18.4	4.2	15.8
527	322	Nat Aust Bk	492	-1	3.0	3.8	19.6
512	398	Nat West	498	-11	...	3.9	18.2
460	270	Provident	405	-2	17.5	4.4	30.2
54	39	Rea Bros	51	+5	11.4	3.5	17.5
312	307	Ryl Bk Scot	310	...	0.5	1.2	54.2
1335	467½	Schroders	1253	-1	8.8	3.5	...
994	576	Stand Chart	941	-12	...	1.1	25.0
218	145½	TSB	209	+8	20.0	2.7	...
190	78	Union Disc	168	+1	6.4	3.8	...
815	579	Warburg SG	779	+1	...	...	...
7887¼	4843¼	Wells Fargo	7687¼	+3	...	3.0	19.7
187	121	Westpac	165	-200	...	1.4	...
285	188	Wintrust	283	-2	9.3	4.3	25.3

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	583	+3	...	4.5	15.7
647	441	Bass	476	-3	18.9	5.0	10.4
299	189	Boddington	271	-1	7.3	3.4	15.8
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	450	-3	...	2.8	19.6
158	107	Burn Stewart	115	...	...	5.4	8.9
167	129	Burtonwd Brw	158	-4	4.7	3.8	13.2
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
68¼	50	Fosters Brewing	56	+1	...	4.5	∞
427	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	427	...	7.4	2.2	18.3
480	383	Grand Met	414	-7	12.3	3.7	13.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	378	-1	11.7	3.9	12.5
572	505	Greene King	562	...	...	2.7	15.9
521	437	Guinness	459	-1	...	3.2	16.3
281	230	Hardy Hanson	262	...	7.9	3.8	14.6
125	105	Heavitree	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
353	255	Highland Distl	333	-3	6.0	2.3	22.1
3138	2538	Holt J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	19.5
80	33	Hoskins Brew	76	...	...	...	54.7
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	282	-2	...	3.1	16.1
186	136	Macallan-Glen	136	...	0.9	0.8	30.5
405	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	385	...	...	2.9	18.4
221	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.2	15.5
299	231	Mrston Thmp	279	...	...	2.4	16.9
470	328½	Matthew Clark	470	+2	...	4.5	13.8
300	253	Mrrydwn W	275	+2	7.0	3.2	21.7
545	455	Morland	538	...	8.4	2.0	21.4
12	6½	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
187	145	Regent Inns	177	...	...	3.2	17.7
975	753	SA Breweries	835	-39	...	3.1	14.6
487	408	Scot & New	476	+2	...	4.4	14.8
225	181	Taunton Cider	205	-3	6.0	3.7	16.7
256	213	Vaux Group	242	...	9.3	4.8	16.7
326	225	Wetherspoon JD	325	...	...	1.8	26.3
559	435	Whitbread 'A'	537	-1	...	4.1	14.5
1413	850	-do- 'B'	1413	...	...	1.6	35.5
613	473	Wolvrhmptn D	475	...	11.4	3.0	13.3
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	73	Abbey	120	...	...	1.0	45.0
25½	12½	Albrighmn	18	...	...	...	...
133	87	Allen	130	...	...	4.8	29.5
109	65	Amec	107	+1	3.0	...	19.5
12	4	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
306	155	Ashtead	303	...	4.5	1.9	48.7
142	101	Atwoods	129	+1	5.0	4.8	18.7
262	180	BPB Ind	261	...	...	3.6	44.9
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	-2	0.5	2.6	...
108	74	Barcom	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Bardon	44	...	2.0	5.7	21.7
187	94	Barratt Devs	187	+15	4.0	2.7	∞
451	305	Bellway	447	...	...	3.4	25.9
43	15	Bellwinch	41	...	...	...	...
446	259½	Berkeley Gp	423	+2	...	1.8	26.5
116	45	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	55	...	1.0	2.3	60.8
288	189	Blue Circle	268	-3	...	...	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	270	-4	5.9	2.7	15.1
106	78	Breedon PLC	89	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
121	82	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
86	45	Brit Fittings	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
151	99	Bryant	144	-1	4.8	4.3	∞
98	53	CALA	97	...	2.3	3.0	∞
296	200	CRH	284	-1	...	3.0	20.0
43	19	Cakebread Rby	40	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	36	+1½	...	...	...
143	86½	Countryside	139	...	...	3.7	36.7
92	38	Crest Nicholson	92	+1	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	103	...	...	1.2	...
3½	1½	Dunlona	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18½	...	0.5	...	...
275	178	Epwin	272	-1	6.8	3.1	23.0
58	32	Erith	54	...	0.3	0.8	...
473	252	Eve Group	473	...	...	2.6	17.1
6½	3½	Explaura	4	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	46	...	4.3	...	18.5
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	1.7	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	+3	12.7	1.7	15.0
144	90	Hewden-Stuart	135	-3	...	3.0	30.7
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
355	186	Heywd Wlm	330	-2	12.5	4.7	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	106	...	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	35	-2	...	5.4	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	30	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	303	-1	9.0	3.7	12.1
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	126½	...	6.4	...	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside	95	...	4.5	5.9	35.8
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	16½	...	...	...	7.5
350	240	Manders	327	-2	9.0	3.4	20.0
168	98	Marley	153	-1	4.2	3.4	44.9
107	61	Marshalls	102	-3	...	4.9	70.2
180	122	Maunders (J)	177	-1	4.9	3.5	16.2
215	96	McAlpine (A)	214	...	6.5	3.9	37.0
40½	23	McCarthy & S	37	-1	0.5	...	...
417	272	Meyer Int	396	+2	...	3.2	39.7
129	62	Mowlem (J)	118	+1	4.0	4.2	...
135	51	NSM	130	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	139	...	...	...	18.6
300	197	Persimmon	285	+2	8.6	3.8	29.1
31	12	Phoenix Timber	14	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
163	80	Prowting	161	...	3.6	2.6	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti	2½	+½	...	...	...
822	555	RMC Gp	792	-2	...	3.2	29.5
117	75½	Raine Ind	88	+1	6.0	8.5	14.7
21	18	Ransome	20	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	530	...	25.0	5.9	30.8
80	64	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.2	10.3
296	207	Rugby Group	264	+2	6.4	3.1	20.2
50	23	Svrfn-Rwea	50	...	...	0.6	...
131	68	Sharpe & Fisher	131	...	...	3.9	22.5
232	80½	Sheffield Insl	232	+2	...	2.9	56.9
162	82	Sherill Hldgs	163	...	...	1.5	24.3
95	66	Shorco	81	...	...	8.0	18.4
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Starmin	3½	...	...	3.6	...
161	103	Tarmac	144	-1½	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	173	-2	5.8	4.2	11.1
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	121	+8	1.0	1.0	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	595	...	33.0	7.1	19.0
39	19	Torex Hires	37	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	245	+2	8.0	4.1	43.1
40	28	Try Group	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.9
28	25	Tudor	25	-1	...	1.3	...
98½	41	Vibroplant	83	...	2.5	3.8	29.8
65	20	Ward Hldgs	46	-1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
26	8	Wescol	23	...	...	...	...
164	90	Westbury	162	+1	5.0	3.9	25.3
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
462	371	Wilson Bowdn	458	-1	8.7	2.4	31.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	189	...	3.9	2.6	32.7
194	104	Wimpey G	177	+8	...	3.7	...
47	25	YRM	32	...	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	638	-12	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Auto Sec	148	+1	...	4.5	26.5
136	94	BET Ord	129	+3½	...	3.1	5.2
101	41	BNB Res	101	+1	4.9	6.1	...
319	256	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
265	195	Barbour Index	219	...	8.0	4.6	14.9
24	15	Bossead	23	...	0.7	...	...
245	184	Brit Data Mgt	240	...	4.7	2.5	∞
36	11	Broadcastle	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
109	86	CRT Gp	104	-1	...	3.4	18.4
193	139½	Capita Group	189	-1	...	1.4	29.5
45	31	Castel Plc	43	...	...	2.3	16.5
35	16½	Chiltern Capital	21½	+½	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	229	Chubb Sec	338	+2	...	1.8	21.0
100	16	Comaca	95	-2	...	2.0	23.7
34	24	Corp Services	33	...	...	...	...
92	20	Coutts Cnslg	90	+1	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	107	-1	3.3	3.9	14.5
256	198	Davis Service	222	-2	...	4.5	16.7
104	95	EW Facts	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32	15	Gardiner	31	...	0.6	...	21.5
261	215	Hays	254	-1	5.3	2.6	∞
246	174	Hogg Robinsn	224	-1	...	3.7	16.3
70	35	Holmes Protectn	36	...	...	...	2.2
208	132	Hutch Whamp	195	+2	...	2.4	16.6
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1900	...	...	5.6	2.5
657	519	Inchcape	530	-3	...	3.3	17.1
863	669	Johnson Clean	848	...	25.7	3.8	18.5
12	2½	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
289	173	Mide Gp	285	...	3.5	1.5	22.2
1187	893	Manpower	1096	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	61	...	1.8	3.7	25.9
270	167	Penna	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	82	...	...	...	4.4
425	277	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
116	94	SEA	94	-3	4.0	5.3	...
110	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec	114	+1	...	4.9	24.7
238	178	Rentokil	205	+1	2.3	1.4	25.6
263	227	Rotte & Nolan	250	...	...	3.6	14.1
399	334	Salvesen (C)	362	-3	...	2.7	19.9
39	26	Scott Pickford	38	...	...	2.6	12.1
6½	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
1148	605	Serco Gp	1148	...	14.0	1.5	31.8
152	134	Shield Crpa	148	...	...	5.9	4.3
132	90	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
42	27	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Wills Gp	25½	...	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	210	Allied Colloids	241	...	...	2.2	21.2
861	613	Amersham	814	...	...	2.1	28.2
3	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£104½	8325	BASF DM	£102½	-159½	...	3.1	...
231	199	BTP	220	-1	...	4.3	18.6
£127½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£121	-225	...	4.4	...
179	134	Blagden	166	...	9.5	...	17.9
116	93	Brent Chems	116	-1	...	8.1	10.5
420	345	Br Bio-Tech	370	...	...	12.8	36.1
19	12	Caird Gp	13	...	...	...	...
150	126	Canning (W)	144	...	7.2	6.5	16.2
554	451	Courtaulds	516	+2	...	3.4	13.8
330	255	Croda	329	+1	...	2.9	18.9
144	121	Doeflex	135	-1	4.6	4.3	10.4
219	174	Ells & Everard	216	-2	...	4.1	20.6
38	15	Euro Colour	38½	...	0.8	2.7	22.3
335	254	Halstead (J)	327	...	...	2.3	16.4
180	167	Hickson	180	-2	...	5.6	16.7
£114¼	8882	Hoechst	£110½	-97½	...	3.2	...
250	195	Holliday Chem	225	...	...	2.1	20.7
742	608	ICI	702	+1	...	4.9	...
683	519	Laporte	680	...	19.5	3.8	17.9
232	181	Leigh	214	...	...	4.6	20.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
97½	35	MFM	64	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1725	-21½	...	1.7	24.5
464	390	Paterson Zoch	461	...	17.4	3.1	19.0
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
296	221	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
265	173	Porvair	265	...	3.6	1.7	28.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	59	-1	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	468	-5	16.0	4.3	19.8
535	395	Wilmshurst E	580	...	17.0	4.1	17.6
401	330	Yorks Chem	374	...	...	2.6	20.0
306	238	Yule Catto	298	-1	5.9	2.9	15.6
765	590	Zeneca	737	+14	...	4.7	42.9
102	53	Alexon	84	-2	...	5.9	...
87	42	Amber Day	71	-1	3.1	5.5	19.5
352	257	Argos Plc	338½	-2½	...	2.6	28.7
25	12	Ashley Group	14½	-½	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	109	...	...	0.1	0.1
318	276	Asprey	318	-1	5.1	2.0	22.0
134	94	Austin Reed	131	...	...	0.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	...	...	3.0	15.1
121	94	Benfalls	97	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Berlerware	226	-1	...	1.1	27.0
41	22	Blacks Lels	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
222	133	Body Shop	182	...	...	1.2	23.5
16½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	13	-½	...	0.8	6.5
401	318	Brown (N)	392	...	...	2.2	23.0
87½	64½	Burton	77½	...	...	3.4	...
155	126	Cantors	155	+1	4.0	3.3	∞
380	295	Church	345	...	12.5	4.5	20.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	156	...	4.2	3.4	18.6
262	212	Coats Viyella	251½	-2½	...	3.6	34.8
112	78	Colourvision	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
700	374	Courts Furnish	605	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
158	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
129	89	Daily Farm Intl	119	+1	...	3.0	17.8
87	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	84	...	1.0	1.5	27.0
281	189	Dixons Grp	261	-4	...	3.0	...
413	320	Dunhill	372	...	...	8.1	2.7	14.5
21	12	ERA Gp	12	-2	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	165	...	...	2.1	28.0
273	203	Etam	268	-1	6.9	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	584	...	12.7	2.7	19.1
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	45	...	...	...	...
558	498	Forminster	555	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
180	24	French Conn	150	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	62	...	2.1	4.3	∞
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	78	+3	0.3	0.5	...
3838	2400	GUS	3838	+38	...	1.4	20.9
2165	1563	-do- 'A'	2160	+7	...	2.6	16.7
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Hartstone	63	...	...	5.6	...
28½	20	Helene Plc	26½	...	2.0	9.5	12.5
72	29	Heritage	68	-1	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle	70	...	...	1.8	9.9
153	63	Jacques Vert	146	+11	...	2.6	11.2
691	496	Kingfisher	658	+3	...	2.6	21.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
685	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.1
320	241	Lloyds Chem	264	-1	5.5	2.6	10.4
152	120	MFI	148	...	...	3.2	31.1
393½	311	Marks Spencer	384	+2	...	2.6	21.1
565	445	Menzies (John)	555	...	...	2.4	15.8
230	135	Moss Bros	229	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
212	139½	Next	208½	+4½	2.5	1.5	24.7
41	15	Oliver (G)	38	...	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	298	...	...	4.0	14.6
63	38½	Pentos	43	...	1.5	4.4	9.0
313	185	QS Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.6
43	20½	Rhino Grp	41	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	159	-2	...	2.0	14.3
118	93	Sears	118	+3	...	3.7	...
41½	11	Signet Group	28½	-2	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	437	...	...	4.1	14.5
30	4½	Specialeyes	20	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	222	+2	...	2.8	28.6
191	148	T & S Stores	166	...	5.9	4.4	12.4
160	71	Tie Rack	155	...	1.0	0.8	25.4
231	160	Time Products	220	...	7.5	4.3	19.0
128	63	Usher (Frank)	122	-2	...	5.1	9.6
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	102	-1	...	0.2	46.3
78	45	Wld of Leather	64	-3	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	187	...	...	2.7	24.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	177	+1	...	3.5	17.8
240	223	Acal	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
162½	38	Acorn Comp	110	-3	...	...	55.7
480	385	Admiral	459	-6	5.4	1.5	19.4
170	104	Alba	168	...	...	3.6	21.1
50	19½	Alphameric	44	...	...	...	...
43½	22	Amstrad	41½	+1	0.4	...	...
128	61	App Holo	75	...	...	...	...
40	9½	Arlen	40	...	...	...	...
86	35½	Astec	77	-1	...	0.4	1.2
293	243	Beales Hunter	244	...	...	4.8	15.1
8	3½	Bennett & Fount	4	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	406	-6	19.2	6.0	...
575	438	Bick	478	-2	9.2	2.4	18.6
1700	925	Borland	950	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	358	+3	6.3	2.2	23.3
445½	376	BT	425½	...	...	4.6	20.1
188½	150	BT P/P	180	-1½	...	4.4	20.8
12	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12	...	...	0.1	10.0
160	108	Burnfield	109	...	...	5.7	6.6	17.2
875	669	Cable Wireless	853	-2	...	2.2	22.3
24½	11½	Chloride	22½	...	...	...	...
273	228	CML Micro	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Compter People	100	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	141	...	...	1.3	14.5
424	243	Critchley	413	-1	...	1.8	∞
554	414	Delta	510	...	...	3.4	21.0
360	205	Denmans El	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	469	...	7.2	1.9	16.0
65	48	Dowding Mills	60	...	2.5	5.2	∞
1105	865	Druck	1103	-2	10.0	1.1	23.5
469	358	Electrocomponts	444	...	...	2.2	18.1
580	490	El Data Prc	558	-2	5.1	1.1	15.3
130	43	Electron House	128	...	2.6	2.5	28.1
30½	10½	Emess	22½	-½	0.1	0.6	...
602	442	Eurotherm	597	...	8.0	1.7	27.2
155	108	FKI	145	-1	...	2.6	21.2
465	340	Farnell Elect	457	+1	...	1.7	24.2
91	33	Feedback	68	...	...	2.1	11.5
18	7½	Ferranti	10½	...	...	...	...
259	101	Firm Tech	257	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	260	...	...	1.6	23.5
22½	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
363	264	GEC	345½	+½	10.3	3.7	17.3
199	132	Graseby	186	...	...	7.3	39.1
14½	7½	Graystone	12	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hillcare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	89	INSTEM	152	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.9	15.2
30	8	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
343	260	Kenwood App	333	...	...	2.9	18.7
236	47	Kewill Sys	234	-1	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	185	...	5.5	3.7	21.9
38	16	Laser-Scan	38	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	287	-4	...	0.4	37.6
300	240	Lec Refrig	253	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	134	Life Sciences	141	-1	3.5	3.1	15.3
269	164	Logica	252	+1	4.0	2.0	∞
55	44	LPA Ind	55	...	...	8.0	15.5
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	217	-1	4.3	2.5	20.7
683	523	Macro 4	653	...	...	3.4	19.8
678	527	Memrlec-Sw	677	...	...	2.0	20.0
3013	1735	Micro Focus	1760	+3	...	...	16.2
227	147	Microgen	164	-3	7.2	5.5	11.2
34½	23½	Microvitec	29½	-2½	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	499	-1	...	1.8	18.2
530	98	Mitel	511	-2	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
50½	16	Molynx	48	-½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst	254	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	105	Multitone Elect	115	-2	3.5	3.8	∞
221	116	Murray Enmr	206	-3	1.8	1.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	3150	+25	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
85	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
237	59	Norbain	237	...	...	0.8	18.2
75	20	Northamber	58	-1	0.6	1.3	...
15½	6	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	277	...	4.5	2.0	19.1
80	42	P-E Intern'l	70	...	...	...	...
87½	35	P & P	71	...	1.4	2.5	37.7
80	55	Peek	72	+1	3.4	6.0	18.5
222	115	Pegasus	210	...	...	3.8	53.9
9500	4000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1262½	-12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	253	+2	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	290	+2½	...	1.8	26.1
553	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	280	+2½	...	1.8	25.2
96	63	Plasmec	64	...	...	...	...
120	76	Pressac	114	...	2.4	2.6	23.0
135	81	Psion	121	+1	...	2.6	32.1
261	160	Racal Elect	228	...	4.2	2.3	13.6
70	45	Radamec	66	...	...	2.8	14.1
70	31	Radius	34	...	2.7	...	11.7
92	61	Real Time	69	-1	...	5.4	14.2
35	18	Riva	23	...	...	...	29.2
629	367	Sage Gp	447	+6	9.0	2.5	14.3
348	222	Sanderson Elec	348	...	9.0	3.2	14.8
88	49	Scantronic	79	-1	3.1	4.9	19.0
181	117	Scholes Grp	178	-2	5.0	3.5	∞
375	230	Sema Gp	330	-3	2.8	1.1	26.8
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	...	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2337½	-25	...	1.4	26.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits	12½	...	...	...	...
188	80	Telemetrix	178	-4	0.8	0.6	29.3
1017	809	THORN EMI	977	-11	...	4.1	20.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	110	...	2.5	2.8	11.3
103	58	Total Systems	53	...	3.0	6.5	10.3
509	372	Tunstall	502	...	6.0	1.5	20.1
294	164	Unitech	286	-1	...	2.7	67.8
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29½	...	...	1.6	16.9
585	387	Vodafone	494	+2	...	1.8	22.4
473	368	Volex	458	-1	17.8	4.9	18.8
26	11	Western Selecm	22	-1	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	289	-1	11.7	5.1	30.7

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
549	389	East Midlands	545	-3	...	4.5	10.2
569	399	Eastern Elect	562	-5	...	4.3	11.2
384	304	Hydro-Elect	379	+3	...	3.8	13.7
576	404	London Elect	568	-6	...	4.3	12.6
608	458	Manweb	607	+1	...	4.3	8.8
589	424½	Midlands Elec	582	-5	...	4.3	10.4
389½	273	National Powr	389½	+1½	...	3.4	11.6
616	440	Northern Elec	608	-5	...	4.4	8.8
188	100	Nthn Ireland	188	+6	...	4.1	10.5
607	439	Norweb	593	-12	20.0	4.2	9.2
420	273	PowerGen	420	+4	...	3.1	11.1
377	285	Scottish Power	376½	+3½	...	3.7	14.0
626	436	Seeboard	619	-5	...	4.0	10.0
618	469	Sth Wales	611	-5	...	4.6	10.2
577	426	Sth Western	566	-7	...	4.4	9.0
570	406	Southern Elec	568	-2	...	4.3	10.4
589	455	Yorkshire Elec	580	-1	...	4.3	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56	+½	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD	117	-1	...	3.4	18.3
93	26	Baltic Plc	90	...	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	541	-2	...	3.5	20.1

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1525	1075	Camellia	1525	...	...	2.4	5.7
313	243	Candover	296	-3	10.2	4.3	21.0
150	71	Flemtech	146	...	...	0.4	...
335	155	Govett	315	+2	...	4.8	9.8
188	125	Ivory Sime	172	-1	...	4.7	16.2
6½	3	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting	222	-2	8.4	4.7	16.1
67	47	Manakin	62	...	3.0	10.1	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9	-½	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	248	Rathbone Brs	328	...	6.0	2.3	19.9
26	17	Rutland Tst	25½	...	...	3.9	15.1
330	253	S & U	320	-2	10.0	3.9	11.9
83	48	Singer & Fried	79½	-½	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sotheby's	775	...	...	4.4	...
155	83	SIP Capital	146	+1	3.0	2.6	60.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2225	-28½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1015	...	...	3.2	23.4
200	92	Invesco	157	...	...	2.4	...
244	164	Jardine Strat	233	+9	...	3.3	10.7
236	154	MAI	223	+1	6.9	4.0	∞
692	380	MAM	658	...	15.0	2.8	16.4
970	633	M & G	938	-4	...	2.9	25.0
342	309	Smith New Ct	317½	-1½	...	2.4	4.8
81	55	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
530½	456	AB Food	487	...	14.0	3.6	11.2
77½	53	ASDA Group	62	+½	1.6	3.2	14.9
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	73½	-½	3.7	6.4	12.2
407	287	Argyll	303	-2	...	4.5	11.2
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
228	160	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	335	...	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsp	65	-1	...	5.5	14.6
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	399	-11	...	6.9	34.0
52	35	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
505	430	Brake Bros	488	-5	6.2	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	47	...	...	2.7	14.3
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	460	+3½	...	3.6	16.3
120	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	193	...	...	5.2	14.4
22	8½	Cullens	15	...	0.5	4.2	43.1
384	150	Dalepak	190	-1	6.0	3.9	15.0
521	424	Dalgety	493	+8	...	5.3	13.6
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
242	191	Devro	236	-4	...	2.9	22.4
134	99	Everest	112	...	3.7	4.2	∞
371	269	Farepak	371	...	5.7	1.9	22.8
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	98	...	...	1.5	17.8
483	328	Geest	370	...	8.1	2.7	16.7
16	7	Global	15	...	...	4.2	23.0
45	43	Grand Central	45	...	1.2	3.5	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	184	+1	...	4.3	10.4
175	131	Hillsdown	159	-2	6.8	7.0	12.3
250	205½	Iceland Group	209	-3	...	2.0	13.2
131	103	JLI Group	118	-1	...	4.9	13.1
853	655	Kwik Save	706	+1	16.0	2.8	13.5
262	174	Low (Wm)	185	+2	8.4	5.7	9.0
79	41	Matthews (B)	73	-1	2.2	3.9	47.8
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17½	...	1.1	7.9	35.8
174	123	Morrison (W)	129	+5	...	0.8	16.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Nthn Foods	257	-4	...	4.1	13.8
20½	9½	Nthmbrn Fn	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	193	...	...	4.0	10.7
250	205	Park Foods	234	...	...	3.2	18.0
115	78	Perkins Food	91	-1	...	2.4	10.5
109	47	PizzaExpress	103	-3	...	0.6	58.9
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5½	...	...	...	...
594	436	Sainsbury J	440	-9	...	2.8	15.4
86	33	Sentry Farms	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
235	94	Sims Food	115	...	...	8.2	22.2
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	377	+5	12.0	4.0	11.9
273	195	Tesco	208½	-2½	...	4.3	9.6
211	123	Thorntons	163	...	3.6	2.8	15.2
183	101	Treats	165	...	...	2.7	18.8
410	300	Unigate	397	...	...	5.1	13.0
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	351	-1	...	5.5	21.4
24½	18½	Usborne	20	+½	...	5.0	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	301	+3	13.3	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk Ho	22	...	...	...	...
91	77	City Centre Rest	90	-½	1.5	2.2	21.7
250	170	Forte	226	...	...	4.1	17.7
220	155	Friendly Hotels	161	-5	...	4.5	30.7
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½	-½	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	122½	...	...	5.2	16.8
222½	154	Ladbroke	187	+1	11.1	7.7	15.6
73	59	Mandarin Ornt	66	+2	...	3.1	16.4
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels Ir	18	...	...	5.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	813	-15	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	61	-1	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	47	AAF Inds	56	...	...	19.6	3.4
616	455	AAH	548	-1	...	3.9	17.6
177	140	AIM	172	...	7.5	5.5	10.4
132	89	APV	95	-½	...	7.1	...
238	81	ASW	208	+12	...	3.6	...
198	124	Adwest	191	-3	7.0	4.6	27.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	-1	...	4.7	26.3
279	249	Airsprung	278	...	...	2.0	17.8
156	113	Alenda W	155	...	3.8	3.1	42.8
11	6½	Allied Radio	10½	...	...	...	...
570	415	Alumasc	570	...	11.7	2.6	∞
48	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
525	345	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
45	18	Amberley Gp	38	...	...	3.3	...
107	78	Amagen	82	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	105	...	...	5.2	...
945	703	Antofagasta	860	+10	...	2.3	15.9
54½	37	Armour	53½	-½	1.6	3.9	∞
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	0.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	523	...	...	3.9	20.9
250	168	Assoc Nursg	248	...	...	0.5	15.2
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	173	-1	...	5.4	14.7
65	28	BLP Group	50	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	23½	+1	5.0	...	1.0
770	627	BOC	636	-6	23.2	4.6	14.0
79½	62	BSG	71	-1	...	5.7	24.5
487	353	BSS Group	463	...	...	4.7	27.7
409½	318	BTR	366	...	...	3.7	20.5
221	155	BWI	172	-3	6.7	4.9	16.0
50	29	Babcock	36	-1	...	7.3	21.5
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	278	-1	8.9	4.1	19.0
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	556½	-31½	...	5.9	3.3
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	-1	...	2.9	25.0
10	5	Beaufort	7	...	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham	6	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	17	...	...	0.3	2.2	∞
707	461	Bespak	515	...	10.0	2.4	16.1
133	73	Bibby (J)	87	-1	9.7	...	5.1
312	129	Bilam (J)	259	-3	5.0	2.4	13.1
41	21½	Bliston Bursea	31	-1	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
201	118½	Birkby	201	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
228	136	Black (Peter)	228	...	3.7	2.1	∞
543	129	Bluebird Toys	543	+40	...	1.0	33.9
322	247	Bodycote	292	-12	...	2.2	18.5
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	487	+1	...	3.4	18.1
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	460	+5	...	3.1	19.2
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1189	-38	...	...	...
274	199	Boxmore Intl	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14	...	0.5	4.6	∞
303	204	Brammer	285	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
27	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	2.1	...
123	64	Bridon	118	-1	...	4.3	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
48	31	Brierley Inv	44	...	...	7.5	∞
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
62	42	Br Bloodstock	60	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	475	-10	...	2.7	16.9
118	54	Br Steel	114½	+2	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	100	...	...	3.8	28.0
18½	11½	Br Thornton	16½	...	...	1.9	18.0
268	215	Br Vita	230	-1	7.1	3.9	14.2
19½	5½	Britton Grp	15	...	...	1.5	...
730	555	Broken Hill	674	+4	...	2.6	33.7
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	108	...	...	5.1	14.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	71	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	128	-2	6.0	5.9	21.9
23	11½	Business Tech	17	...	1.0	...	21.7
28	17	CI Group	23	...	...	...	...
25	11	Campbll & Arm	17	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	33	-2	...	...	...
256	205	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
246	178	Cardo Eng	245	-1	8.6	4.4	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2300	...	...	2.6	...
78	68	Cassidy Bros	66	...	...	4.4	11.1
210	158	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
78	62	Cathay Intl	69	+4	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	195	...	6.2	4.0	12.2
730	505	Charter	705	-14	...	3.9	16.6
345	220	Chemring	345	...	...	3.0	20.8
92	45	Chieftain Gp	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
41	17	Chillington	38	...	0.2	0.8	...
204	144	Christies Int	185	+2	...	1.0	45.9
63	34	Clayhithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7	...	0.2	...	...
400	285	Cohen (A)	303	...	6.8	2.8	∞
223	179	Community H	210	...	6.9	4.2	∞
246	186½	Concentric	220	...	...	3.2	18.5
230	120	Cook (Wm)	229	...	5.0	2.7	13.9
233	182	Cookson	202	-2	...	3.7	20.7
76	38	Copymore	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crswll Fkr 'A'	156	...	5.7	4.6	13.3
178	92	Crosit	123	...	10.7	...	18.7
224	150	Creighton Ntr	186	...	...	4.9	13.3
48	27	CrestaCare	36	-1	0.5	1.7	30.9
3737½	2993½	Dana	3527½	-21½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	228	-2	...	0.6	21.7
243	195	David Brown	228	-1	...	3.3	16.2
22	5	Davies (DY)	22	...	...	...	...
712	632	De La Rue	675	+4	...	3.1	17.9
37	16	Dinkie Heel	36	+1	0.9	4.7	20.3
553	391	Diploma	551	...	9.7	2.2	28.7
79	50	Dobson Park	78	...	5.7	...	14.0
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.6	20.6
80	57	-do- 'A'	74	...	5.0	8.4	13.6
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	387	EIS	409	...	...	3.9	16.1
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Elecо	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	1987½	...	...	2.7	...
75	45	Ellion (B)	73	-2	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	415	...	...	6.1	22.4
152	111	Enviroped	128	...	...	...	55.0
3387½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3387½	+59½	...	0.9	...
65	32	Eurocopy	65	+3	1.6	...	25.2
87	47	Expamet	76	...	...	...	1.6
717	499	Fairey Group	685	-7	10.2	1.9	21.0
95	53	Fenner	87	-2	4.2	...	16.4
66	32	Ferraris Group	55	...	...	2.3	12.9
1½	½	Ferromet	1½	...	...	...	...
29	19	Ferrum	19	...	2.5	16.4	13.3
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	166	-1	...	6.7	15.1
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	10.1	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.5	∞
43	37	Folkes Group nv	37	...	1.5	5.1	21.0
86	56	French (Thomas)	83	...	3.6	5.5	41.6
240	166½	Frost Group	213	-1	...	2.4	26.6
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	492	-3	...	5.2	32.8
51	42	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
98	79	Garton Eng	95	...	4.0	5.3	...
161	103	Gestetner	147	-1	8.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Glevеs	38	-1	...	...	7.4
801	509	Glaxo	641	+11	...	4.3	16.5
38	16	Glenchewton	30	...	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	302	+2	11.6	4.9	24.1
126	66	Goode Durrant	121	...	...	5.6	...
145	102	Grampian Hd	139	-3	5.5	4.9	24.1
456	341	Granada	441	-6	7.7	2.2	23.5
410	308	Great Sthrn	402	...	...	3.4	16.7
104	78	Green (Ernest)	104	-1	...	8.4	14.5
15½	8½	Greenacre	14	...	...	2.5	13.9
17	8	Guardian Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
61½	30½	Haden MacLn	57	-1	...	4.4	30.6
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	80	-1	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	279	-1	8.6	3.9	25.3
229	161	Halma	199	+3	...	1.2	26.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	...	1.6	5.0	13.2
265½	222	Hanson	255	-1½	...	5.6	13.0
221	153	Harris (Philip)	153	-1	...	5.6	9.3
198	147	Harrison Crsfld	188	+1	9.0	6.1	25.6
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	46	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	26	...	0.7	3.4	∞
17½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	369	+4	14.6	5.0	15.9
228	160	Hewitt (J)	194	...	3.0	1.9	15.2
36	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
162	112½	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
16	6½	Hobson	17½	...	...	...	...
162	87	Holders Tech	162	...	...	4.6	21.1
52	30	Hopkinsons	51	...	1.3	3.2	21.1
167	133	Hornby	161	...	...	7.0	15.2
88	54½	Howden	78	...	2.2	3.5	14.4
260	173	Hunting	236	-1	...	5.3	20.1
503	269½	Huntigh Tech	495	...	...	2.5	12.6
312	247	IMI	284	...	...	4.4	25.2
119	90	ISA Intl	117	...	1.5	1.6	18.1
205	144	Intercare Gp	146	...	...	2.2	15.4
286	235	Isoron	290	...	4.3	1.9	∞
547	360	Jardine Math	517	-4	...	2.4	18.6
537	425	Johnson Matth	460	-4	...	2.8	20.2
64	36½	Johnson & Fil	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
177	104	Johnston	157	...	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
79½	26	Kalamazoo	75	...	2.1	3.5	17.4
178	73	Ealon	162	...	...	2.5	22.5
297	245	Kelsey Ind	245	-10	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.9
235	75	Kleeneze	203	+3	...	...	...
151	61	LGW	145	...	3.0	2.6	12.0
351	266	Laird	327	...	...	4.0	16.1
157½	103	Lilleshall	140	...	...	3.8	18.4
200	97	Lincat	195	...	...	3.3	16.7
21½	4½	Lincoln Hse	21½	...	...	...	17.7
128	76	Linread	119	...	3.7	3.9	18.4
280	170	Linton Park	250	...	...	7.0	9.0
15½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	140	Lon Intl	155	+1	9.4	7.6	11.8
135	70	Lowrie	124	+4	...	4.0	...
386	269	Low & Bonar	349	-1	...	3.3	48.9
329	254	MB-Caradon	313	-1	...	3.5	25.3
162	128	-do- pf	161½	+1½	7.2	5.6	...
40	14½	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	42	...	...	7.4	43.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	210	...	...	1.9	23.8
460	379	McKechnie	430	...	14.7	4.3	21.3
10½	85	McLeod Russel	103	...	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	3½	Mandox	3½	...	...	...	17.7
106	65	Magnolia	101	-4	0.1	0.1	16.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	101	-1	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	22½	-½	...	3.6	...
192	124	Mayborne	191	...	...	3.3	15.2
62	29	Mayflower	58	...	...	2.7	48.1
236	85	Medeva	112	...	...	2.5	9.1
118	88	Meggin	104	+4	...	4.6	17.5
125	98	Metalr	118	...	...	3.9	19.1
150	126	Metrotect	146	...	...	2.8	20.3
95	70	Metsec	95	...	...	...	...
89	29	Midstates	63	-2	...	1.2	11.1
25	14	Mining & Aid	22½	...	0.5	2.8	...
510	368	Molins	500	...	...	3.5	12.9
345	262	Morgan Cble	326	...	...	4.9	17.1
184	134	Morris Ashby	176	...	...	3.8	13.4
35	18	Neepsend	28	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	18.9
176	122½	Norcros	172	+2	...	5.1	25.1
51	35	Novo Group	42	+1	...	3.9	13.5
413	310	Nu-Swift	323	...	...	...	∞
73	36	Office Elec Mac	73	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	32	...	...	6.8	...
140	123	PCT	132	...	...	6.9	15.0
61	36	Pacer Systems	60	...	...	6.3	...
138	87½	Pentland	89	-3	...	3.5	12.1
395	310	Photo-Me	329	-3	4.6	1.7	∞
165	97½	Pilkington	153½	+½	...	3.3	...
86	66	Plastsbrook	85	...	3.0	4.4	13.4
154	125	Polyptpe	142	-1	2.1	1.8	∞
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	24	...	...	6.5	11.0
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	367	...	...	3.2	19.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.7	5.5	8.5
59	33½	RPS Group	57	+1	2.2	4.8	12.6
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	123	-3	...	1.0	41.2
808	636	Rank Org	785	-6	31.0	4.9	21.5
33	15½	Ransomes	19½	-½	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	615	-1	...	3.3	14.0
77	50	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
245	131	Relyon	240	...	4.9	2.6	28.8
303	208	Renishaw	269	+1	6.5	3.0	20.6
95	55	Renold	95	...	...	1.3	...
1582	1240	Remers	1529	+10	21.2	1.7	25.3
57	24½	Rexmore	55	...	1.7	4.0	...
160	91	Ricardo Group	159	...	5.7	4.5	44.7
76	58	Richard (Leics)	76	...	4.4	7.2	...
98	63	Richardson West	84	...	3.0	4.5	21.5
142	109	Ropner	138	...	8.2	7.5	19.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	132	...	8.2	7.8	18.7
38	24	Rosa Gp	29	...	0.6	2.8	11.9
184	131½	Rotork	172	...	...	2.7	20.1
182	89	Rubicon	182	...	...	3.3	22.7
66	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
29	15	SEP Ind	27	...	...	3.5	24.7
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	862½	...	...	...	...
53	39	Savile Grdn (I)	52	...	2.2	5.3	∞
248	205	Scapa	212½	-2½	...	3.3	16.2
238	192	Scholl	200	...	...	3.9	14.6
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1083	917	Securicor	1078	...	2.6	0.3	41.0
765	562	-do- 'A'	729	...	2.6	0.4	27.7
660	465	Security Serv	629	+2	5.0	1.0	31.1
121½	77	Senior Eng	118	...	...	3.4	19.5
361	281	Seton Health	281	-4	...	2.6	16.0
68	42	Sheldon Jones	61	...	...	...	...
137	85	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.5	14.0
344	261	Sidlaw	314	-1	...	4.0	20.1
561	422	Siebe	506	-1	...	2.5	18.8
375	229	Silentnight	374	...	...	2.7	22.0
131	102	Sime Darby	122	...	...	4.2	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	65	-1	...	...	...
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	212	-1	7.0	4.1	13.7
47	36	Six Hundred	36	...	...	5.8	...
164	139	Smith & Neph	145½	...	...	4.0	16.0
513	394	Smithkline	425	-18	8.6	2.5	15.4
450	340	Smithkline Eq	383	+19	...	3.5	13.6
394	320	Smiths Ind	371	-1	11.2	3.6	15.1
146	58	Sthn Bus	59	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
440	365	Spandex	440	...	...	1.9	19.5
650	300	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.6
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	362	-10	...	3.3	22.5
145	44	Spring Ram	68	+7	...	...	18.6
270	222	Staveley	249	-4	...	4.3	14.0
154	126	Sterling Ind	162	...	...	4.3	21.9
187	97	Suter	168	-1	8.8	6.5	17.6
361	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	338	-2	...	2.6	∞
7	2½	Sycamore	7½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
149	120	Sylone	148	...	...	4.0	19.7
374	279	TI	334	-2	...	4.0	22.8
32	12	TLS Range	28	...	...	1.1	...
290	211	TT Group	279	-1	...	3.0	17.2
249	220	Talare	245	-1	1.8	0.9	20.3
968	618	Takeda Chem	818	-1	...	0.5	21.7
66	24	Tex Hldgs	63	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (Eli)	94	...	...	...	...
240	150	Titon	240	...	...	7.2	14.5
237	212½	Tomkins	230	-2	...	1.9	20.0
112	67	Trafalgar H	101	-2	...	3.5	16.9
579	346	Transfer Tech	490	-1	16.0	4.0	7.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	168	...	...	4.1	12.2
253	224	UniChem	247	+6	5.6	5.2	20.3
375	272½	Unidare	365	...	...	2.9	16.0
76	11½	Unigroup	32	-2	...	5.4	11.9
1249	938	Unilever	1087	+21	21.3	2.5	14.8
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7212½	-34½	...	2.8	12.1
915	513	VSEL	853	-2	...	4.2	9.2
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	155	+1	...	1.2	...
367	243	Vicaulic	291	-1	...	3.4	14.4
444	253	Vinten	436	...	...	2.0	20.2
679	422	Vosper Thorny	678	+5	...	2.9	16.4
46	41	WSP Hldgs	42	...	...	...	10.9
458	366	Wagon Ind	430	...	...	5.0	19.0
98	77	Walker Greenbk	96	-1	3.1	4.0	24.5
258	201	Wassall	246	-1	2.5	1.3	25.0
42	22	Wtrford Wdgwd	39	...	...	...	...
364	291	Weir	301	-3	...	2.5	17.0
995	600	Wellcome	718	-6	13.0	2.3	19.8
23	19	Wellman	19	-½	0.9	5.9	31.0
343	260	West Hlthcare	339	-1	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	488	...	9.5	2.4	16.4
355	267	Whessoe	271	-1	...	3.7	10.5
85	27	Whitecroft	63½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4½	Widney	8	-½	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	125	...	3.5	...	36.0
365	295½	Williams Hldg	322	-1	12.5	4.9	16.8
36½	17	Wilshaw	34	...	...	1.8	21.4
661	535	Wolseley	630	+1	12.5	2.5	21.8
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	54	-1	3.0	6.9	19.8

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1592½	1493¼	Alex & Alex	1493¼	-6½	...	4.5	...
2406½	1787	Am Gen	2193½	+31½	...	3.4	...
51	30	Archer (A)	51	...	4.4	...	24.6
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl	166	...	...	4.0	12.9
148	118	Bradstock	136	+1	5.1	4.7	16.8
498	359½	Britannic	471	+1	...	3.0	...
667	556	Com Union	605	-1	...	5.0	...
1700	1225	Dom & Gen	1635	-2	...	1.7	∞
39	16	FAI	35	...	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	685	...	26.7	5.0	...
225	160	GRE	215	+1	7.0	4.1	17.6
412	293	Heath C E	399	+1	...	5.0	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	213	...	8.1	4.9	19.3
215	162	JIB Group	168	+1	...	5.6	17.2
513	408½	Legal & Gen	471	+1	...	5.1	28.6
1092	788	Liberty Life	877	-22	...	3.3	15.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	429	-1	17.3	5.0	15.4
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	301	...	5.6	2.3	22.5
368	274	Londn & Man	346	-2	14.2	5.1	25.6
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	418	...	13.5	4.0	15.0
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5931½	-56½	...	3.1	...
115	76	Oriel	114	+3	...	5.6	...
72	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	332	+2	...	4.5	22.1
1138	800	Refuge	1038	-3	31.5	3.8	28.5
347	248	Royal	310	+3	...	5.3	...
204	150	Sedgwick	196	-1	...	4.0	22.0
261	155	Steel Burrill	155	...	...	...	0.2
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	86	...	9.2	...	8.7
390	307	Sun Alliance	379	+6	14.2	4.8	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
352	239	Transatlantic	328	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
773	490	Utd Friendly	626	-5	14.5	2.9	27.4
242	171	Willis Corroon	236	-1½	...	3.7	48.6
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1820	1548	Alliance	1713	-5	45.0	3.3	37.5
264	226½	Amer Trust	254	-1	4.9	2.4	52.7
404	304	Ang & O'seas	385	-2	6.8	2.2	48.9
149½	124	BZW Conv	141	...	7.9	6.9	∞
186	133½	Bankers	177½	-½	3.4	2.4	48.5
317	264	Baring Tribne	308	-2	6.4	2.6	48.7
189	131	Berry Starq	189	...	2.2	1.5	61.4
110	96½	Br Assets	102½	+½	...	5.2	25.1
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	78½	-½	0.6	1.4	79.7
29	14	-do- Wnts	27½	...	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	185	-1	4.5	3.0	41.7
191	130	Contl Assel	183	-2	2.4	1.6	60.9
195	143	Derby Inc	149	...	...	12.0	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	243	-5	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	76	...	8.4	11.8	9.4
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	83	-1	1.2	1.8	...
133	84	-do- Far East	118	-1	0.6	0.7	...
122	95	-do- Korea	108	-1	0.5	0.6	...
665	576	Dunedin Inc G	659	-4	25.4	5.0	29.4
100	92	-do- Japan	93	-2	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	49	-1	...	...	...
696	513	-do- Wwde	660	-2	9.5	1.8	68.0
292	222	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	36.3
306	250½	Edinburgh	299	-3	8.4	3.6	31.6
287	183	Electra Inv	272	-2	6.7	3.1	21.9
190	141	Electric Gen	179	...	3.1	2.2	55.5
113	85	English Scot	108½	-½	...	...	...
300	205	European Asset	287	-5	...	2.4	37.3
126	77	Finsbury 'A'	125	...	3.0	3.0	40.2
291	248	Fleming Amer	278	-3	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	202	-1	...	3.3	38.8
318	212	Do Conti	298	-4	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Entp	194	-1	...	3.0	39.2
334	213	-do- F East	304	+1	1.1	0.5	...
726	246	-do- Fledg	323	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	97	...	...	5.7	16.6
260	136	-do- Japan	226	-1	0.3	0.2	...
289	250	-do- Merc	274	-2	6.7	3.1	58.6
292	212	-do- Oseas	276	-3½	4.2	1.9	57.9
258	203	Foreign & Col	241	...	...	1.8	56.6
214	164	-do- Eurotst	204	-4	1.2	0.8	...
125	87	-do- German	119	-2	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	282	-1	1.9	0.9	...
163	116	-do- Smaller	162	-1	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	228	-1	...	0.6	...
150	65	Genl Cons Cap	138	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	109	...	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Goved Am Smlr	141	+1	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	304	+1	0.9	0.4	...
283	207	-do- Strategy	269½	-1½	...	2.2	36.0
400	340	Greenfriar	399	...	...	2.0	59.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	136	-1	5.1	4.7	27.3
97	77	IRS UK Smlr	95	...	2.8	3.7	26.5
209	150½	Fleming Chrt	196	...	5.0	3.2	38.1
239	176	-do- O'seas	224½	-½	3.3	1.8	61.8
130	108	-do- Smlr	127	-1	...	3.4	30.8
680	540	Law Debenture	655	-1	16.2	3.5	32.6
197	164	Majedie	193	-2	...	3.1	37.3
272	221	Merchants	264	-1	...	5.3	24.3
6525	3700	Merrill Lynch	6297½	-150	...	...	...
490	380	Monks Inv Tst	476	-2	...	1.8	60.3
133	105	More Gren Inc	127	...	...	4.5	25.3
49	25	Do Warrants	48	...	...	...	...
56	31	Murray Euro	51	-1	0.1	0.4	...
21	9½	Do Wts	14½	...	...	...	...
344	282	Murray Income	334	-1	10.9	4.1	∞
340	265	-do- Ind	325	-2	11.6	4.5	29.1
162	203	-do- Small	165	-4	...	1.4	...
103	92	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	120	-1	...	...	...
3080	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2875	-25	...	4.6	...
155½	142½	-do- S/C DP	155½	+½	...	...	...
319	230	-do- Vent	296	...	...	4.4	23.2
100	56½	New Frontier	99	-½	0.2	0.3	...
88	68	Nthrop Inc	88	...	6.7	9.6	16.5
336	249	O'seas Ins Tst	316	-3	2.9	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	378	-1	1.1	0.4	...
314	187	Do Warrants	281	-1	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	49.3
158	100	PFT Cap Pinr	149	-3	1.1	1.0	...
126	106	River & Merc	110	...	9.2	0.7	11.9
465	350	Robeco	465	+40	...	2.7	...
435	346	Rolinco	435	+36	...	1.7	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	273	-1	7.6	3.5	36.7
156½	131	Scot American	148	-2	...	3.9	31.3
225	136	Scot Asian	217	...	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	498	...	...	...	...
81½	53½	-do- Eastern	77½	-½	1.5	2.5	50.9
222	165	Scottish	214	-1	4.6	2.7	44.4
225	176	-do- Mtge	210	-1	4.0	2.4	54.5
96½	71	-do- Value	96	...	...	2.3	68.4
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1510	-10	39.0	3.2	∞
91	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	84½	-½	3.2	4.9	27.9
157	100	Selective Asset	152	-2	1.2	1.0	54.7
35	14	Sphere Inv	33	...	3.1	12.0	10.4
161	112	TR Far East	151	-1	4.5	3.7	33.1
154	135	TR City Of Lon	145	-1	4.5	4.1	...
166	110	TR Pacific	155	...	0.3	0.3	...
32	12	TR Property	30	...	0.9	3.8	31.5
101	47	TR Tech Inv	97	-3	1.7	2.4	54.1
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	180	-1	...	2.0	41.6
345	293	Temple Bar	328	-1	13.2	5.1	24.6
97	69	Thrmtn Asian E	93	...	0.5	0.7	...
76½	54	Throgmorton	74	...	2.3	3.9	30.2
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	505	-3	...	...	...
231	178	USDC Invest	221	-4	4.5	2.5	61.7
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	109	...	3.6	4.1	27.4
716	542	Whitbread Inv	704	-5	16.5	2.9	42.4
216	181	Witan	206	...	5.6	3.4	36.4
24	8½	Mid Scot Res	9	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	51½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	0.2
36	27	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
17	11½	Petrol	15	...	...	...	...
144	40	Pict Pet	138	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	22½	...	...	...	8.3
115	50	Presidio	113	...	...	5.4	...
393	290	Ranger	345	...	...	4.6	...
6712½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6437½	+75	...	4.7	16.1
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4112½	-100	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	54	...	...	...	...
682	515	Shell	636	-1	21.9	4.3	19.6
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	175	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	21	...	...	...	...
14½	6	Villers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
172	135	Woodside	149	+3	...	2.3	...

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
416	264	Airtours	391	-2	7.2	2.3	13.6
64	42	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
362	194	Anglia TV	362	+1	...	3.2	16.6
103	65	Baldwin	64	...	3.0	4.5	11.4
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	224	...	10.0	5.6	14.5
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	16.7
153	90	Border TV	138	...	...	3.0	12.4
16½	4	Brent Walker	5½	-½	...	...	...
56	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	8½	...	...	...	...
292	110	Carpat	144	...	...	10.4	...
230	171	Capital Radio	213	...	5.2	3.1	24.6
618	718	Carlton Comm	724	-5	17.0	2.9	21.4
200	156	Castle Comm	186	...	...	5.7	17.2
2080	1615	Central TV	2065	...	38.0	2.3	22.5
124	61	Chrysalis	10½	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	564	-1	...	2.9	16.9
350	175	Eurocamp	214	...	9.7	5.7	8.6
1160	610	Euro Disney	655	-8	...	1.7	...
8	2½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
38½	16	Ex-Lands	34	-2	...	...	...
290	246	Fairline Boats	291	+3	10.5	4.5	...
378	277	First Leisure	277	-2	6.1	2.6	19.2
530	298	GWR Gp	528	...	...	1.7	27.1
245	140	Grampian	245	...	6.1	3.1	17.0
30	4	Greenwich Comm	20	...	...	...	...
74	19	HTV Group	73	...	...	...	32.4
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	52	...	...	4.6	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
497	405	LWT Hldgs	497	+5	...	1.2	22.0
519	327	Man Utd	513	...	18.0	4.4	17.6
148	59	Owners Abrd	86	-1	3.5	5.0	7.1
74	33	The Pelican Gp	67	...	...	2.1	15.7
160	55	Prism Leisure	131	...	...	3.1	12.2
31	16	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde	325	+1	...	3.5	25.5
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	198	-1	...	2.8	26.3
553	431	Scot TV	493	...	9.9	2.5	24.3
65	37	Southern Radio	58	...	0.7	1.7	24.2
260	168	Stanley Leisure	229	-3	4.3	2.4	18.1
10	5	Sunleigh	8½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sursel & Vine	123	...	7.5	3.6	14.4
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	∞
2½	1	Tickeringe	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	96	...	...	...	3.1
78	44	Trans World	55	-1	...	1.8	30.1
499	274	Ulster TV	495	...	10.0	2.5	15.2
101	62	Vardon	94	...	0.7	1.0	22.2
22	11	Wembley	18½	+½	0.2	1.4	...
4½	2½	Whitegate	4½	-1	...	...	...
233	110	Yorkshire TV	230	-1	12.0	6.5	7.0
120	83	Zetters Gp	115	...	6.0	6.7	13.0

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4150	...	...	4.8	21.0
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1381½	+12½	...	6.4	7.3
2300	1125	Ang Am	1825	...	...	3.7	15.6
33	6½	Anglo Pac Res	32	...	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	102	-1	...	6.0	5.6
46	18	Bracken	41	+7	...	29.3	2.5
671	233	Buffels	551	+6	...	11.3	∞
2½	1	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
720	546	CRA	645	+10	...	3.0	22.1
43½	11	Cluff Res	29	+1½	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1106¼	+6½	...	4.3	15.1
165	37½	Deelkraal	118	+7	...	1.6	12.6
96	7	Doornfontein	43	+4	...	...	...
913	398	Driefontein	690	+2	...	4.1	15.6
709	120	Durban	419	+4	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	120	+5	...	9.3	3.5
270	54	E Rand Prop	197	-2	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	345	+3	...	3.4	6.4
899	292	FS Cons	707	+15	...	6.6	8.4
80	8	FS Dev	43	-1	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1162	-12	...	3.3	∞
180	125	Gencor	147	-4	...	6.5	11.7
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	43	-4	...	3.0	11.2
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-1	...	...	...
167	49	Grootvlei	112	-1	...	8.5	4.4
360	78	Harmony	263	-14	...	...	...
425	67	Hartles	253	...	...	6.6	11.1
16	6½	Inocha	15	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	681	+1	...	4.2	22.3
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	...	...	...	...
1060	332	Kinross	746	+21	...	6.1	9.1
913	319	Kloof	632	+6	...	3.3	8.9
137	25	Leslie	92	+1	...	4.1	10.2
210	12	Loraine	154	+4	...	...	...
840	330	Lydenburg	728	...	...	2.9	∞
116½	80½	MIM	94	+3	...	2.6	40.7
1265	520	Minorco	1119	+14	...	2.6	12.4
141	91	Nth Brkn Hill	121	-4½	...	5.8	19.9
2237½	612½	Orange Free	1675	+25	...	7.4	13.4
746	607	RTZ	683	-1	...	3.9	15.9
637½	425	Rand Mines	556½	+6½	...	10.0	2.7
671	320	Randfontein	485	+5	...	3.9	∞
192	115	Renison	160	+5	...	3.0	14.5
1200	850	Rustnbrg	925	...	...	3.4	∞
596	191	St Helena	452	-4	...	5.2	9.6
2168	475	Southvaal	1325	-34	...	4.1	24.1
119	18	Stilfontein	69	+6	...	8.5	12.4
201	58	Unisel	117	+4	...	2.5	11.9
6075	1900	Vaal Reefs	4500	+75	...	4.7	6.1
582	165	Welkom	444	-17	...	7.2	13.5
351	26	Western Areas	263	-22	...	2.6	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	1877½	-29½	...	3.2	6.9
283	176	Wstrn Mining	213	-9	...	2.0	∞
1020	325	Winkels	799	-8	...	1.2	6.5
54	5½	Zambia Copper	74	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	49	-4	...	6.1	16.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
93	58	ABI Leis	67	...	...	3.7	5.1	16.3
258	237	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	135	...	3.0	2.6	15.0
160	62	Appleyard	150	...	5.2	4.3	...
335	205	Blechley Mtr	320	...	...	7.4	16.3
167	120	Bostrom	166	...	6.0	4.6	28.9
466	165	Br Aerospace	417	+2	7.0	2.1	...
52	19½	Burndene	47	...	...	3.1	12.3
368	303	Caltyns	375	...	11.5	3.8	16.5
15	4½	Caverdale	13½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs	135	...	...	...	...
29	18	Cook (DC)	26	...	...	2.9	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	243	-3	6.2	3.2	15.5
140	96	Dag Motors	136	+1	5.7	5.2	24.0
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	135	...	...	3.3	10.6
300	155	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.6	...
145	92	European Mtr	127	-1	...	3.2	19.5
402	306	Evans Halshaw	400	...	11.8	3.5	16.6
280	226	FR Group	258	...	...	3.5	12.0
3650	2842½	Ford Motor	3581½	-6½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	2968¾	-25	...	1.7	...
75	29	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
247	85	Henlys	238	-3	3.0	1.6	...
992	650	Honda Motor	914	+6	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	99	...	...	4.5	5.7
173	97	Kwik-Fit	164	-3	...	2.6	20.3
420	281	Lex Service	349	-7	...	3.2	21.6
164	65	Lookers	160	...	6.2	4.8	...
164	126	Lucas	149	-2	7.0	5.9	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
294	224½	Pendragon	265	-1	...	3.1	21.5
198	106	Perry Gp	191	-2	7.0	5.0	...
190	108	Quicks Group	176	...	...	3.2	22.5
160	96½	Rolls-Royce	143	-1	...	4.4	...
223	164	T & N	190	...	...	7.1	21.1
215	163	Trinity Hldgs	213	-1	...	3.3	∞
175	125	Vamm (Reg)	173	...	...	3.0	24.2
253	121	Westland	236	...	4.2	2.3	30.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	191	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
360	315	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
308	290	Blenheim Gp	300	+2	...	3.8	11.0
370	275	Bristol	345	...	...	4.3	51.3
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9775	-25	13.0	1.7	22.0
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9700	-50	13.0	1.7	21.8
305	251	Dorling Kind	290	-5	...	1.3	27.7
373	322	EMAP	355	-1	...	2.8	21.8
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1089	...	29.5	3.4	24.5
264	170	Harrington K	236	-2	4.5	2.4	19.1
469	233	Haynes Pub	465	...	9.0	2.2	∞
365	343	Hodder H'line	358	-2	5.0	1.6	30.5
140	90	Home Counts	132	...	6.0	...	...
147	30	Intl Bus Comm	142	...	...	...	20.5
14	6½	Int Cm & Data	13	...	...	...	...
295	240	Independent	280	...	...	3.1	18.6
580	396	Johnston Press	577	...	6.2	1.4	24.9
318	243	Metal Bulletn	316	...	5.0	3.1	22.5
186	80	Mirror Gp	177	-1	...	...	...
447	297	News Corp	441	+1	...	0.3	30.1
274	169	News Intl	260	+1	...	0.7	16.0
535	354	Pearson	528	-12	...	2.6	29.7
675	510	Portsmth Sund	618	...	...	1.9	17.0
736	618	Reed Int	698	-2	...	3.0	30.4
150	95	Southnews	149	...	...	1.9	22.6
171	90	Sterling Pub	170	...	...	2.2	15.1
423	328	Telegraph	385	...	...	3.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	725	...	...	5.1	...
395	313	Trinity Intl	391	...	8.7	2.8	23.4
39	27	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
593½	450½	Utd Newspapr	549	-2	...	4.9	16.2

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
61	37	Arcen Intl	40	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60	+1	...	...	...
87	26	Aviva Pet	65	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Br Borneo	200	...	...	7.1	4.4	0.1
339½	276	British Gas	324	-1½	14.2	5.6	15.1
326	252	Br Petroleum	302½	+1½	8.4	3.5	23.5
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	763	-5	...	4.1	15.6
65	32	Calm Energy	60	...	...	...	8.6
287	225	Calor Gp	265	...	...	5.5	21.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	39	...	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	37	+1	...	...	...
23½	16	Edin Oil & Gas	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	427	-1	16.0	4.7	23.5
68	32	Exp Co Louis	35	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24	...	...	2.4	8.6
87	45	Goal Pet	59	...	1.4	3.0	11.3
45	18	GI Western Res	47	...	...	...	...
175	104½	Hardy O & G	162	+1	...	0.8	15.1
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	140	+3	...	2.9	28.4
102	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	10.1	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	120	4G Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
271	249	API	270	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
216	144	Arlo Wiggins	207	...	...	3.9	33.4
543	408	Abbott Mead	534	...	9.5	2.2	27.9
40	15	Aegis Gp	27	-1	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	130	...	...	4.7	11.8
15	7	BDB Designs	13	...	...	...	...
409	254	Bemrose	391	-15	...	3.5	16.5
33	12	Bunzlair	14	...	0.2	1.6	11.9
146	118	Danzi	145	...	4.0	3.5	21.6
309	257	CIA Gp	309	...	...	1.6	19.5
230	43	Capital Inds	218	-6	...	1.8	20.6
79	44	City of Lon	78	...	...	6.2	14.4
244	169	Cropper (James)	243	...	3.1	1.6	23.5
6	4	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	97	...	...	1.6	24.1	11.7
117	95	Dolphin Pack	109	+3	4.5	5.2	26.5
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	84	...	...	4.6	19.1
15½	11½	Elswick	11½	...	...	3.3	14.6
73	41	Fairway Group	69	...	3.1	5.7	20.3
340	271	Ferguson Intl	330	...	...	4.6	15.3
106	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	26.3
152	74	Filofax	145	-2	...	1.1	18.7
20	16	Fitch	15	...	...	...	...
142	69	Globon Lyons	121	...	...	5.2	13.7
295	247	Gold Greenlees	274	-1	9.3	3.3	∞
41	20	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
68	35	Hunterprint	46	...	...	...	...
185	150	Intereurope	175	-5	7.8	5.6	∞
264	191	Jarvis Porter	260	+1	...	3.3	24.2
32	15½	Lopex	26	...	...	...	...
330	175	More O'Ferrall	330	+22	13.2	5.0	29.1
120	44	NMC Group	108	...	2.0	2.3	16.7
172	99	Osborne & Little	170	...	...	3.4	18.7
488	455	Portals	488	...	...	3.6	16.7
2	½	Premier Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
286	150	Quarto	286	...	...	2.1	17.6
317	247	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
195½	142½	Saatchi	161	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	321	...	...	11.1	6.1
32	17½	Senta	30½	-½	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	21	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	360	...	...	3.5	18.9
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	231	-3	...	2.1	15.7
68	45	Sonic	61	...	1.5	3.1	25.0
246	163	Stal-Plus	230	...	5.0	4.3	20.5
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27	...	0.3	1.4	22.6
69	38	VTR	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
106	40	WPP	104	...	...	1.2	7.5
176	62	Wace	174	...	...	...	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	250	...	...	3.9	15.7
790	540	Walmough	747	...	11.5	1.9	29.3
7	4½	Weston	5½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	20	-2	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
104	41	Allied Lon	101	...	...	3.5	4.2
63	56	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
16½	6½	Ascot Hldgs	6½	...	...	...	...
105	52	Asda	105	...	...	2.5	11.0
150	85	Avonside	150	+2	4.0	3.3	21.0
2637½	2062½	BCE	2167½	-37½	...	...	...
662	396	Bilton	648	...	18.9	3.6	23.4
110	25	Bourne End	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	216	-1	5.4	3.1	22.1
23	5	Brejero	16	+½	...	...	...
405	166	Br Land	376	...	...	2.3	34.3
240	140½	Brixton	222	-5	...	4.6	17.4
79	42	Burford	76	...	...	1.9	...
176	99	Cap & Regnl	175	...	...	0.8	...
215	120	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
495	196	Chesterfield	493	...	11.0	2.6	35.3
45	12	City Site Ests	40	...	1.4	...	...
22	12	Clarke Nickolls	19	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rhlar GS	47	...	...	...	...
1275	618	Daejan	1270	-2	...	2.7	15.7
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
100	53	Debenham Twsn	99	-1	...	3.8	19.3
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
153	76	Dencora	152	...	3.0	2.5	...
563	265	Derwent Hldgs	556	...	6.6	1.4	69.5
45	30	Development Sec	41½	-½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	206	...	...	2.5	18.2
6	11	Five Oaks	33½	...	...	...	...
63	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
474	276	Frogmore	459	-3	16.0	4.5	∞
200	77	Grainger	193	...	5.2	2.4	43.1
222	116	Gr Portland	203	...	...	4.9	19.4
27½	7	Greycoat	25½	...	...	...	...
151	101	HK Land	145	-1½	...	4.6	19.6
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	77	-2	0.5	0.8	...
403	257	Hammerson	395	-2	10.0	3.2	39.8
365	245	-do- 'A'	357	-2	10.0	3.3	36.1
252	127	Helical Bar	246	-3	...	2.4	9.9
35	19	Hemingway	30	-2	...	...	...
152	56	Herring Baker	58	-10	...	1.7	14.4
152	133	Jermyn	139	...	...	...	...
692	435	Land Sec	670	...	22.8	4.3	30.2
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	99	...	4.0	5.1	15.4
7½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
504	315½	MEPC	490	-3	...	5.1	21.1
6	5	McInerney A	8	...	...	...	...
175	91	McKay Secs	134	...	3.5	3.3	16.4
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	...	0.5	...
49	12	Marlrale Mtr	38	...	...	1.0	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
46	29	Moorfield Es	40	-3	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
112	12	Muckiow (A&J)	105	...	6.1	4.7	∞
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3	Olson Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
153	74	PSIT	152	-1	4.1	2.4	20.1
310	175	Pon	310	...	4.0	1.6	...
5	1	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	0.0
34	22	Property Trust	30	...	...	...	...
55	42	Raplan	51	...	...	...	...
34	21	Regalian	29	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rosehaugh Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
47	26	St Modwen Prp	41½	-½	0.6	1.9	31.6
70	39	Savills	64	-1	...	2.0	25.3
100	34	Scot Met	100	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	102	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
245	130½	Slough Estates	237	-1	...	4.3	16.0
52	16	Southend Prop	51	...	...	7.7	...
36	16	Stanhope Prp	32	...	...	...	...
194	152	Tops Ests	194	...	...	2.1	1.4	16.2
125	79	Town Centre	118	...	...	3.1	3.1	25.7
57	45	Trafford Park	53	+1	...	2.5	4.2	∞
39	12	UK Land	30	...	...	...	...
7½	4	Union Square	7½	+½	...	...	...
256	180	Warner	250	-2	10.5	5.3	22.8
218	165	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
3	2	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
65	25	Wauer	65	-½	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John Da	73	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15	11	Automagica	15	...	...	...	...
162	54	Headlam	152	...	...	1.8	41.1
500	315	Lambert	330	+2	13.0	4.9	6.1
100	51	Pittards	59	-1	2.0	4.2	16.9
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
197	99	Stylo	194	...	...	2.0	70.4
66	53	UK Safety	65	...	...	23.6	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	404	Allied Text	496	...	12.6	3.2	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	30	+1	...	...	15.3
170	141	Br Mohair	162	...	6.5	5.6	13.2
53	15	Chamwella	41	...	...	...	...
364	295	Claremont Ga	332	-1	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtaulds Text	534	-6	11.6	2.2	14.6
55½	24½	Cupids	30	...	...	...	...
246	197	Dawson	197	-11	...	5.7	15.0
36	22	Drummond	34	...	...	...	...
82	65	Faupels	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	30	...	...	...	...
153	52	Gaskell	124	+1	4.2	4.3	...
222	196	Hicking Pntcst	220	-3	...	2.3	17.1
77	45	Jerome (S)	77	-2	...	...	...
365	240	Lamont	365	-2	12.0	4.1	24.1
515	357	Lavr	515	...	...	1.8	24.9
65	15	Lister	65	+1	0.1	0.2	...
122	75	Lyles (S)	87	...	4.9	7.4	9.4
300	54	Macullan	300	+6	1.4	0.9	...
171	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
107	82	Readicut	101	...	...	4.2	19.0
58	35	SEET	45	...	...	...	...
120	77	Sirdar	127	-2	5.2	5.4	...
72	44	Stirling Gp	66	-1	1.5	2.4	16.7
61	37	Stoddard	45	-1	...	3.4	44.6
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.9	25.8
62	32	West Trust	59½	-1	2.5	5.6	...
208	126	Yorklyde	190	-1	...	3.9	11.3

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	402	BAT	462	-2	...	3.0	15.8
747	594½	Rothmans 'B'	649	-4	11.5	2.2	12.9

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
460	344	Assoc Br Ports	445	+3	...	2.4	...
555	395	BAA	852	-2	...	2.2	21.2
387	249	Br Airways	357½	+11½	...	2.7	19.7
106	56	Clarkson (H)	101	...	1.5	1.9	...
23	15	Davie Newman	23	...	...	...	...
513	375	Eurotunnel Ut	460	-12	...	...	...
82	54	Fisher (James)	82	...	1.0	1.5	22.0
211	147	IoM Steam	209	...	...	4.6	10.9
34	24	Jacobs (J)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
96	41	Lon O'seas Frs	99	...	...	1.4	17.4
2875	1262	Manchstr Sh	2937½	-12½	4.5	0.2	16.0
394	250	Mersey Docks	376	-11	9.0	3.1	24.1
271	161	Nall Express	252	...	...	1.5	18.1
284	230	NFC	268	+2	6.5	3.1	20.2
339	244	Ocean Group	319	-4	...	5.6	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	65	...	4.0	7.6	12.0
676	504	P & O Dfd	575	-2	...	6.6	31.4
169	127	P & O 5 1/2%	165	...	...	4.1	...
563	449	Powell Duffryn	549	...	...	5.1	21.3
194	117	Seacon	194	+6	...	3.5	12.2
151	112	Stagecoach	149	+1	...	3.2	∞
60½	31	TNT	55½	+1	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	715	-15	11.8	2.1	27.2
382	77	Tiptook	256	-1	...	0.5	...
298	227	TDG	257	...	...	4.6	6.5

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	475	Anglian Water	542	-3	...	4.9	11.0
661	547	Northumbrian	642	-6	...	4.4	0.6
537	431	North West	539	-1	...	5.1	9.4
564	439	Severn Trent	561	-1	...	4.5	6.8
583	454	Sthrn Water	566	-2	...	4.7	9.4
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1575	-20	47.0	3.7	11.2
580	465	South West	576	-9	...	5.1	9.5
562	454	Thames Water	550	-6	...	4.5	10.6
630	506	Welsh Water	625	+5	...	4.7	0.3
601	530	Wessex Water	643	-7	...	4.2	9.7
593	477	Yorkshire W	555	-2	...	4.8	9.4

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; § Ex rights issue; ◊ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
106¹⁵⁄₁₆	101⁷⁄₈	Treas 13¾% 1993	101⁷⁄₈	...	13.58	5.60
102³⁄₁₆	100³⁄₁₆	Treas 8½% 1994	100³⁄₁₆	...	8.42	5.62
107¼	103¼	Treas 14½% 1994	103¼	...	13.96	5.62
109⁷⁄₁₆	104⁵⁄₁₆	Exch 13½% 1994	104⁵⁄₁₆	...	12.91	5.61
105⁵⁄₃₂	102⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 1994	102⁹⁄₁₆	...	9.71	5.65
110⁷⁄₁₆	106¼	Exch 12½% 1994	106¼	...	11.79	5.58
105⁵⁄₈	103⁵⁄₈	Treas 9% 1994	103⁵⁄₈	...	8.68	5.63
111³⁄₈	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.11	5.69
97⁷⁄₈	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⁷⁄₈	...	3.08	4.67
109⁷⁄₈	107¼	Exch 10¼% 1995	107½	...	9.52	5.78
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	113½	...	11.23	5.94
120½	117⁷⁄₁₆	Treas 14% 1996	117⁵⁄₈	...	11.96	6.00
125¼	121¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	121¼	...	12.54	6.14
120¼	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.32	6.14
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	110⁵⁄₈	+⅛	9.05	6.25
122⁷⁄₈	118⁷⁄₈	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⁷⁄₈	...	11.02	6.40
113⅛	110⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	112⁵⁄₈	...	9.34	6.39
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108⅛	...	8.09	6.35
132⁹⁄₁₆	127⁵⁄₈	Exch 15% 1997	129⁷⁄₈	+⅛	11.56	6.60
112⁹⁄₁₆	109⁷⁄₈	Exch 9¾% 1998	111⁵⁄₈	...	8.71	6.52
105½	99⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 7¼% 1998	103⁵⁄₈	...	7.02	6.41
101⅛	97⁵⁄₈	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⁵⁄₈	...	6.70	6.19
129⅝	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	127⅛	...	10.95	6.90

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138¹¹⁄₁₆	133¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 15½% 1998	136³⁄₁₆	+⅛	11.34	6.74
123⁵⁄₁₆	119⅝	Exch 12% 1998	121⁵⁄₁₆	...	9.84	6.87
113⅝	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	112⅛	-⅛	8.46	6.71
125⅝	120⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	124	-⅛	9.88	6.94
118⅝	112⁵⁄₈	Treas 10½% 1999	117⁵⁄₈	-⅛	8.97	6.80
118⁵⁄₈	112⁵⁄₈	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	-⅛	8.76	6.82
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	111⁵⁄₈	-⅛	8.07	6.78
133⅝	125⅝	Treas 13% 2000	131⅛	-⅛	9.91	7.12
118½	109⁷⁄₈	Treas 10% 2001	116⁵⁄₈	-⅛	8.57	7.06
119⅝	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	116¼	-⅛	8.35	7.17
108⁷⁄₈	97⅝	Treas 8% 2003	106⅝	-⅛	7.52	7.07
122⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2003	119⅝	-⅛	8.37	7.23
125⁵⁄₈	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123⁵⁄₈	-⅛	9.30	7.33
81⅛	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78⅝	-⅛	4.43	6.19
119⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	116⅝	-⅛	8.15	7.30
119⁷⁄₈	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	116⁵⁄₈	-⅛	8.12	7.31
137⅛	124⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134⅝	-⅛	9.30	7.58
107	94⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	104⅛	-⅛	7.66	7.34
130⅛	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	127⅝	-⅛	9.20	7.55
112⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	109⅝	-⅛	7.74	7.36
145⅝	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	142⅛	-⅛	9.47	7.57

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	114⅛	-⅛	7.86	7.39
108⅝	92⅝	Treas 8% 2009	105⅛	-⅛	7.58	7.41
118⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	115⅛	-⅛	7.79	7.42
118⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	115⅝	-⅛	7.76	7.42
86⅛	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84⅛	-⅛	6.50	6.96
106⅝	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104⅛	-⅛	7.42	7.27
108⅝	93⅛	Treas 8% 2013	106⅛	-⅛	7.54	7.42
148⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	145⅝	-⅛	8.26	7.60
117⅛	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	115	-⅛	7.61	7.41

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
48⅛	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	47⅛	-⅛	7.42	...
34⅛	27⅛	Treas 2½%	33⅛	-⅛	7.56	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	135⅛	-⅛	...	0.24
199⅛	194⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	199⅛	-⅛	1.56	2.47
110⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109⅛	...	1.98	2.64
169⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168⅛	...	2.71	3.09
166⅛	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164⅛	-⅛	2.85	3.17
113⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112⅛	-⅛	2.90	3.21
176⅛	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	174⅛	-⅛	2.90	3.14
160⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	158⅛	-⅛	3.02	3.24
167⅛	148⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	165⅛	-⅛	3.04	3.24
139⅛	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	137⅛	-⅛	3.07	3.24
149⅛	130⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	146	-⅛	3.06	3.24
145⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	143⅛	-⅛	3.12	3.26
122⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120⅛	-⅛	3.11	3.21
122⅛	103⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	120⅛	-⅛	3.12	3.26

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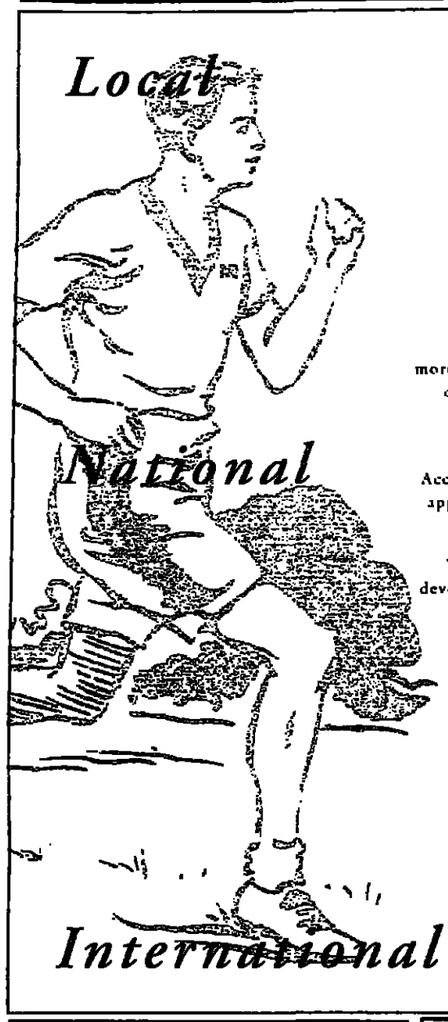

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ACCOUNTANCY

Disillusioned newly qualified may desert public practice

By Edward Fennell

TO GO or to stay. That is the question facing hundreds of newly qualified chartered accountants. The publication last week of the professional examination results from the ICAEW may have triggered the start of a mass exodus from public practice and particularly from the large firms. The scale of the movement will not be evident for some time, but firms and recruitment agents believe that the exits may be jammed.

"Having advertised last Saturday in the aftermath of the results, we had received 140 applications by Monday morning," said one recruitment agent. "The numbers look set to grow very big."

Trying to hold the line within the firms will be a thin rearguard of human resource managers and partners who seem to be left with too little to offer at this stage in the game. Ed Smith, of Coopers & Lybrand, said: "We're working hard to stop the explosion, but, in the case of some of the newly qualified, it may already be too late. I'm afraid we deserve a bit of what we're going to get."

The word from the recruitment agencies is that all the leading firms — with the exception of Arthur Andersen — are likely to be affected. The bottled-up ambitions of young accountants appear to have coincided with fresh opportunities in the marketplace, creating wide avenues of escape for those who wish to depart.

Having reduced their level of recruitment recently and made substantial cuts in headcount, the leading firms may now find that they have gone too far and are stretched to deal with routine work.

"The surplus of supply of young qualified accountants has gone," Richard Parnell, of Robert Walters Associates, said.

Meanwhile, the experience of working in the large firms for the past couple of years may have discouraged many recent trainees from pursuing long-term ambitions.

"The prospect of a partnership is too far away to be attractive in the minds of many, whilst the immediate opportunities on offer tend to be unexciting," an accountancy insider said.

Parnell: "Surplus of young qualified accountants has gone"

Smith: "We're working hard to stop the explosion"

The revolt against what is seen by some young accountants as the tedium of audit has not helped to retain ambitious and lively staff. However, firms that have been forced back into their core business often have little else to offer the newly qualified as an incentive to stay.

"There is a danger that we could be forced into a rule-book approach to auditing which would be very dull," one human resource director said. Coopers' Ed Smith responds: "We should aim to go for a wider definition of our services so that individuals will have to develop a greater depth of skills and a wider understanding of business and management issues. To get to that point, however, will need a big investment in education and training."

To try to generate this new momentum, Coopers, for one, is trying to create more interesting opportunities for its newly qualified, whether in the shape of high-quality secondment programmes, overseas attachments or other specialist training. "It is also time we spent more time addressing personal aspirations," Mr Smith said.

It may, however, be far too late for many of the firms to change attitudes. This generation of newly qualified accountants has seen at first hand the way the firms conduct themselves and, most notably, the way older colleagues were being shown the door. Having entered the profession because they regarded it, in part, as a hedge against unemployment, this revelation has come as a severe shock. As a result, many of the newly qualified are now seeking what they regard as a safer alternative working for clients in industry or commerce.

"There is a perception that accountants in business are safer because they will always be the last to go," Richard Parnell said. "Many of the firms are trying to convince their newly qualifieds that they will be secure, but not many people are reassured by that."

The irony is that these promises may well be correct. Having run down their staffing levels and got rid of weaker performers, the firms would probably stick by those still in place.

Unfortunately for them, the attractions of the outside world may be too strong to resist for too many young accountants. There has recently been an upturn in opportunities in banking and financial services that will attract some of the brightest and best candidates from among the ranks of the recently qualified. That, however, is just the tip of the iceberg. Whether or not we are climbing out of recession, there are clear signs that employers in many sectors now feel that the time has come to start filling the gaps in their finance and accounting teams.

"There are some very attractive openings right now with blue chip multinational companies who want to recruit for their internal audit teams," Geraint Evans, of Douglas Llambias, said. "If you have recently qualified and you speak German or Spanish, you are likely to have no difficulties in finding an attractive job."

Even more locally in the City, plenty of opportunities are arising. Mr Evans warns the big firms: "I detect a huge pent-up feeling amongst trainees and the newly qualified, and I am sure they will seize the opportunity to get out."

Putting the wrapper back on Cadbury

THERE was always going to be a danger that the great bandwagon powering the Cadbury reforms in corporate governance would break down long before it reached its destination. To judge by last week's events, it looks as though the breakdown, or at least a slowing to a halt amid the grinding of gears and the sounds of an axle going askew, is happening.

Naturally enough, it is not happening in the most obvious or blatant of ways. But there is every sign that those who were to be reformed have gained the upper hand and the reforms will cease.

On the surface, everything looks fine. The two key sections of the Cadbury report on financial aspects of corporate governance, which were expected to prove tricky and to require lengthier preparation and consultation, are now under the wing of the Financial Reporting Council rather than out among other sections of the accounting profession's rule-making machinery.

The 100 Group of finance directors is happy that it has achieved that objective. The finance directors are also happy that everything has now been delayed by a further year. Ostensibly, this extra year is to fine-tune and clarify the suggested guidelines. But that is not what finance directors really want. They know that if only they can hold on for a little while longer, the upturn may save them. Once we are back to expansion, the argument runs, then it will be much easier to rework all the old 1980s arguments about rules simply hampering growth, exacerbating unemployment and harming the wealth-creation process. Then, with fashion starting to run the other way, finance directors will be able to suggest that logically there is no need for new rules. What is needed is good guidance, they will argue, because everyone wants a better and more just corporate environment. They will see no need for the guidelines to become rules that could be checked and enforced.

AUDIT

Robert Bruce

For instance, they will tell us, tiresome audit checks on internal control systems are simply adding to the greatest cliché of all, the burdens on business.

At present, this agenda is being kept in the wings. But the accounting firms are clearly worried.

Michael Fowle, the head of audit at KPMG Peat Marwick, issued a statement last week saying the firm was "firmly convinced that businesses will strongly benefit from addressing the issue of internal controls". He said: "This should be regarded not merely as yet another compliance burden, but as a positive opportunity to seek improvements in business efficiency and to better inform a company's shareholders and stakeholders."

The omens are not good. On the same day, Touche Ross issued a report that Martin Scicluna, head of audit, said "provides clear evidence that there is strong willingness among large companies to meet the spirit of the new Cadbury regime". It is always worrying when auditors start clutching at straws and praising people for complying with the spirit of something. It simply means that they wish people would actually comply with the rules as well but are powerless to compel them to do so.

Down at Arthur Andersen they issued a guide to the whole internal controls issue for clients. Robert Hodgkinson, who put the guide together, argued that "effective internal controls actually bring benefits" and that the Cadbury reporting requirement "is not a bureaucratic imposition or an end in itself".

These are all brave and useful things to say. But they signify that in a sense the game is up. As one senior partner put it to me last week: "Half-implemented agendas remain from all recessions. People start doing deals and they lose interest in any corporate governance issues."

With hindsight it would have been better for the main Cadbury committee to have retained strong central control over the further rules and guidance it wanted to be implemented rather than farm them out without setting much of a list of priorities. But the committee was painfully aware that if it retained a central role it would be easier for the corporate community to isolate it and complain that this unrepresentative body was forcing draconian rules upon the land. In the end the trade department needed to take a firmer line. But it is happy to use the City's reliance on self-regulation as a way of absolving itself of responsibility. As long as the trade department can rely on having someone else to blame, it will never take strong action against the corporate community. Finance directors will, however, only agree controls if they see that they will be hurt in the markets if they do not.

In a sense their complaints that the rules were haphazard through being promulgated by different accounting bodies and that there was no cohesion in the resulting guidance were completely bogus.

As one senior accountant put it last week: "Finance directors will listen to analysts, the market, financial institutions or government departments. The people they never listen to are their suppliers, like us auditors."

If there has been a political mistake in implementing the Cadbury report it has been to rely on everyone's shell-shocked mid-recession goodwill and not to ensure that the rules were being prepared by people to whom finance directors traditionally listen rather than ignore.

The profession can play a vital role in ensuring that money intended for the needy reaches its target

On the alert to stop charity scandals

By Alec Reed

ACCOUNTANTS have a unique and invaluable role within a charity. They should be the oasis of sanity that contends with the oversentimentality of the do-gooding element on the one hand, and with the whacky "pie in the face" fund-raising brigade on the other. To this mix could be added the academic dismissal of anything that looks like accountability. This is why the charity sector offers accountants an opportunity to achieve their finest hour.

People who work for charities come from incredibly diverse backgrounds, to some extent determined by the function of their particular charity, but also because charities seem to offer fulfilment for people who have tried a multitude of other work.

The great asset that accountants in charities represent is that they are more or less a homogenous group with fairly common standards. Between them they could build a bedrock of standards recognised throughout the sector. A charity's service credentials could be said to be its accounts. Donor, recipient and government should concentrate on the efficiency with which a charity raises funds and dispenses services. Charities must also measure their own efficiency by producing reliable management accounts on which commercial decisions can be based.

To ratchet up charitable giving to a more acceptable level, much greater levels of efficiency need to be achieved and reported by the sector. Only a tiny minority of charities would measure up under the most lenient of spotlights that commercial organisations have to face.

Two years ago, I suggested to the Charity Commissioner that I could organise qualified accountants to review charities' accounts voluntarily if he could supply the accounts. He declined the offer, unless the volunteers could be persuaded to counsel charities falling short of required standards. This seemed impractical, given the impossible logistics of matching accountants and charities geographically.

Accountants could develop an early warning system for possible abuses in the charity sector

An alternative may be for accountants of charities to form peer review panels. If their accounts were to suffer the same intimidatory tactics as in the corporate world, pressure would be exerted on offenders for the common good. This review might offer an early warning system for the scandals in the charity sector, increasing in regularity, that rock the confidence of the public.

With so little attention being paid to charities' accounts, one wonders why there is so much concern for their make-up. SORP 2 will probably mature into SORP 22 without any real effect unless action is taken against charities that are not diligent in their financial management. It should be illegal for any charity to ask for donations without including a copy of their accounts. Perhaps they need to include a "wealth warning" that your donation can make charities seriously rich. At the moment, the most enormous requests for money land on my desk with no mention of that charity's present financial state. Even when annual reports are presented, they are often preciously short of financial facts.

There are now so many charities holding enormous funds that any new magazine aimed at the sector seems assured of success by the advertising of financial advisers. It would enhance the value of their investment management if details of results had to be included in the accounts. The names of the fund managers showing performance against suitable indices would concentrate the mind wonderfully and reassure donors that their donations will be managed properly.

The charity sector contributes 3.4 per cent of GDP and employs more people than the motor industry at a cost of £4.9-5.4 billion. The country cannot afford an inefficient charity sector. Public and government donations must be used, and seen to be used, wisely if the charity sector is to retain its credibility. I am convinced that it is accountants who hold the key to improving the management of the charity sector.

The author, executive chairman of Reed Executive, has founded two charities and is vice presidents of The Charity Forum.

New rules need to keep beneficiaries to the fore

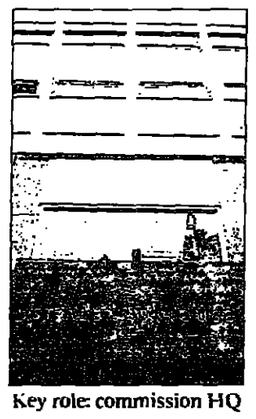
By Michael Webber

BY THE middle of 1994, new legal requirements will have come into force for charity accounting. These will cover keeping of accounting records; form and content of annual statements of account; preparation of a trustees' report; auditing of accounts; and submission of accounts to the Charity Commissioners.

In most of these areas, the basic statutory framework will be filled out by more detailed regulations to be made by the home secretary. Present legal requirements, which date from 1960 for most charities, are now inadequate for the needs both of those who prepare charity accounts and of those who read them.

Charities receive about £17 billion of income each year, and it is essential that these sums are accounted for in a way that allows supporters and beneficiaries to judge how effectively they are applied and ensures the integrity of the charitable sector.

This is the context in which the Charity Commission has been reviewing the original 1988 Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP2) on Accounting by Charities, principally to ensure the SORP remains consistent with new legislation. This review seeks to emphasise that, although most charities are economically active, they are fundamentally different from commercial companies whose goal is distributable profit. Under the law, a charity wishing to trade in a commercial sense must set up a separate non-charitable entity for that purpose.



Key role: commission HQ

One cannot properly assess the financial position of a charity by the tests that apply to a commercial entity. Readers of charity accounts are not looking for the same things and the format should reflect this. A charity does not have shareholders who expect a return on capital. Its accounts should show how the trustees have applied for charitable purposes *all* the resources, whether income, capital, or non-monetary, that became available during the year.

The revised SORP2 is prescriptive in recommending a single approach in most areas, rather than several alternatives. This responds to criticism that the 1988 version, while attempting to recognise charities' great variety, lacked clarity and precision. A more prescriptive approach will make it easier to compare different charities' accounts.

In an article on this page (August 19) Chris Hordern of the ICAEW asked the commission to think again and criticised the haste with which he believes the SORP was revised. Since the exposure draft was published in March, the review committee has spent many hours considering some 350 responses. Many changes have been made as a result. A separate guide to SORP2 has also been prepared for trustees of smaller charities, who may not have access to services of professional accountants.

The Home Secretary will publish his draft regulations for the form and content of accounts this autumn, and a further version of the SORP will be published at the same time so that readers can see the SORP side by side with the regulations. The ways in which the exposure draft has been amended will then be apparent. The SORP must be consistent with the regulations since the latter are part of the law while the former is not.

The revised edition aims to address many of the issues raised by respondents. However, the committee and the Charity Commission believe it is essential that trustees and other professionals recognise that charities exist solely for their beneficiaries. To this end it is necessary to have an adequate regulatory framework, bolstered by recommendations on best practice for accounts and trustees' reports that underpin this objective.

The author is a Charity Commissioner, and chairs the SORP2 review committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kingston Smith goes for broke

ACCOUNTANCY history, of a sort, was made this week when Kingston Smith of Bishopsgate, London, became the first UK chartered accountant to offer a full private client stockbroking service. Cheviot Capital, the financial advisory arm, has been elected to Stock Exchange membership, with Phillip Arghebant joining from Astaire & Partners to lead the stockbroking operation. He is backed up by Ron Day, formerly of Scrimgeour Kemp Gee, and Ron Mills, ex-Quilter Goodison, who are both trustees of the Stock Exchange Pension Scheme. The venture kicks off with nearly £20 million under management.

Scooping the pool

WHAT is it about the training at Coopers & Lybrand? The latest PE2 exam results saw Coopers snatching six of the top 20 places, four going to Arthur Andersen. Touche Ross managed three, Price Waterhouse two, including the tax prize, and two went to KPMG Peat Marwick. Following up, with one each, were Pannell Kerr Forster, Brooking Knowles & Lawrence, and Shaw & Co. The booby prize goes to Ernst & Young with no-one in the top 20 this time. Sixteen of the stars were men.

PICTURE this: a bank with 170,000 employees which supervises more than 150,000 banking offices and financial institutions. Such is the clout of the People's Bank of China, which has appointed Price Waterhouse as a special adviser on accounting, prudential supervision and regulatory issues. The three-year project is expected to consume more than 100,000 fee hours... a nice little earner.

Peat power

NOTCH another two up for KPMG Peat Marwick, which has teamed up with the French state electricity company to upgrade the management and organisation of the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority. Electricité de France will await an audit by Peats before submitting its proposals. The one-year contract, financed by the World Bank, is worth $625,000. Closer to home, KPMG has won a three-year contract to carry out internal audit services for Ofwat, the economic regulator for the water industry in England and Wales.

Touche terror

EVIDENCE of the fear a "visit from the accountants" can inspire emerged last week, when an anonymous caller telephoned George Westropp's press office at Touche Ross and nervously asked what the firm's financial services practice did. On hearing that it provided financial planning for executives, the caller hung up with an audible sigh of relief. "He'd obviously heard Touche Ross was coming in and thought the company was going bust," says an amused spokesman. "He'll be happy to buy a pension after that."

ACCOUNTANTS are just not cut out for foot-in-the-door insurance tactics, it seems. A survey by Datamonitor found independent financial advisers have an average annual turnover of £230,000, compared with £158,000 for solicitors and £113,000 per firm for the IFA networks. Accountants managed only £41,000.

JON ASHWORTH

How the Vacancies Service works

Science courses are listed for the last time today by *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service as students begin to enroll for the new academic year. However, although clearing finishes on Friday, there are countless opportunities in the Ucca and Pcas lists for candidates seeking a last-minute berth. Many places seem certain to remain unfilled as the new term begins.

Several traditional universities, including Glasgow, Liverpool, and Royal Holloway College, London, have withdrawn all their courses from clearing. The former polytechnics report a shortage of suitable candidates, with little change since *The Times* last published science vacancies on Monday. Four courses have been added, with only two withdrawn. As clearing draws to a close, higher education has become a buyer's market. Candidates have everything to gain from a late application, testing the limits of stated entry requirements.

All the courses listed on this page still had vacancies yesterday. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one point.

● *The Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

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AQUACULTURE
Hull: C174 (18)

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Kent: F1C1 (8), F1CC (8), C700 (8)
Leeds: C7C6 (16), CC57 (16), CB71 (16)
Leicester: C700 (16), C140 (16), C400 (16), C620 (16), C200 (16)
London, Imperial: C700 (20), C702 (20), C701 (20), C7N1 (18), FC17 (20), CF71 (20)
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BIOLOGY
Buckingham: MC39 (12), C100 (8), C8C1 (10)
Edge Hill: C162
Kent: F1C1 (8), F1CC (8)
Hull: C100 (18), C160 (18), C174 (18), C1E7 (18)
Leeds: C180 (14), C110 (16), CG11 (6), CC24 (16), CG14 (16), B150 (18)
Leicester: C100 (16), C140 (16), CF71 (24)
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St Mary's Coll: FC81, CQ15, GC11, CF11, VC18, VC81, QC31, CQ18, CL13, CX12, E711
Salford: FC11 (10)
Ulster: C102 (12), C100 (14)

BIOPHYSICS
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London, King's: C600 (16)

BIOTECHNOLOGY
Hull: C140 (18)
Leeds: J800 (16)
Leicester: CJ28 (16)
London, Imperial: J800 (20), J801 (20), J802 (20), FJ18 (20), JF81 (20)
London, King's: J800 (16)
Nottingham: D8J8 (14)
Strathclyde: J800 (18)
UMIST: C7J8 (16)

CHEMISTRY
Bath: F100/F101 (14)
Bradford: F100 (6), F1B2 (8), F1N1 (8), F101 (6), F1NC (12)
Brunel: F112 (12), F110 (6), F1NL (12), F1N1 (6), F122 (12), F120 (6)
Dundee: F100 (12), F102 (10), F120 (12), F1F3 (12), FF13 (12), FG11 (12), FG14 (12), FL11 (12), FN14 (12)
Durham: F100
Exeter: F100, F160, F101, F102
Hull: F1R1 (12), F184 (12), F166 (12), F130 (12), F100 (12)
Kent: F105 (4), F127 (8), F100 (8), F146 (8), F1C1 (8), F1CC (8), F1F9 (8), F129 (8), F1N1 (8)
Leeds: J800 (16), FF1C (18), FG15 (18), FV15 (18), FN11 (18), FJ15 (18), FG11 (18), FF13 (18), F100 (14), F176 (10)
Leicester: F100 (18) CF71 (12), F101 (18), F1T9 (18), F103 (4)
London, Imperial: F1NC (20)
London, King's: F146 (16), F152 (16), F180 (14), F1C7 (14), F1G5 (16), F1N1 (14), F1NC (16), F1ND (16), F1V5 (14), F100 (14), F105 (12), F115 (16), F130 (14), FV17 (20), FX11 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: CF11 (10), CF71 (10), F100 (8), *FIC1 (10), F1N1 (10), F334 (8)*, FF13 (8), FG11 (8), FR12 (10), FR1F (10)
London, UC: F112 (18), F100 (16), F1T2 (16), F1N1 (16), F1F2 (18), F1G1 (18), F126 (16)
Loughborough: F100 (14), F126 (14)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F100 (12), F101 (12), F1L4 (12), F170 (12), F1B3 (12), F102 (12)
Newcastle: F111 (14), F100 (14), F101 (14)
St Mary's Coll: FQ15, WFL1, CF11, FF81, FG11, VF81
Salford: F106 (4), FL11 (10), FG11 (10), FF13 (10), FC17 (10), FC11 (10)
UEA: F100 (10), F102 (22), F146 (14), F125 (10, FF19 (10), FG11 (10), F1N1 (10), F181 (10)
Wales, Cardiff: CF71 (12), FF13 (14)
Wales, Bangor: F100 (4)

COMBINED SCIENCE
Brunel: Y160 (10)
Leicester: Y158 (18)
London, Queen Mary & West: GG4L (12)
Strathclyde: Y100 (DD)

COMPUTER STUDIES
Hull: G500 (18), GN51, GG15, G560, G530, GH56

COMPUTING
Buckingham: C8G5 (10), G5N4 (6), G5LK (6), G5G1 (6), G5N1 (6), G5N2 (6), G5L1 (6)
City: H615 (16), G1G5
Dundee: CG85 (14), FG15 (12), FG35 (12), G500 (12), GG15 (12), GG45 (12), GG59 (12), GHM6 (12), GL51 (12), GN53 (12), GN54 (12)
Keele: Kent: GG15 (12), H610 (8)
Leeds: FG15 (18), FG35 (18), G500 (18)
Leicester: G500 (12), G1G5 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: F3G5 (8), G500 (18), GG45 (16)
London, UC: G500 (22), G5C8 (22), G5H6 (22)
Manchester: G500 (18), G502 (18), G506 (18), G520 (18), GG15 (18), GN54 (22), G532 (18), G533 (18), G570 (18), G580 (20), G581 (18)
Salford: G500 (14), G506 (14),
Strathclyde: G500 (CCC), G5T9 (CCC), GN59 (CCC), GH56 (CCC), GG15 (CDD)
Ulster: G545 (12), G510 (14), G902 (12)
UMIST: G510 (16), G560 (16), GQ51 (14), GR52 (14), GR51 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: GG15 (12), GG45 (12), G500 (16), G532 (16)

ECOLOGY
Newcastle: D970 (8)

EDUCATION
Edge Hill: E2G1, E4G1, E2EX, E4EX
St Mary's Coll: E747, E757, E758, E750, E752, E7W2
London, Goldsmith's: E7W2

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Buckingham: MC39 (12)
City: G1F3
Cranfield, Silsoe: N802
Kent: F1F9 (8), F129 (8)
Leeds: F900 (16), F904 (12), F902 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: F140 (10)
Newcastle: D206 (8)
St Mary's Coll: F900 (4)
Salford: F910 (14), F140 (12)
Strathclyde: F900 (CCC)
Ulster: F900 (16), F901 (16)
UMIST: F3F9 (12)

FOOD MARKETING SCIENCE
Cranfield (Silsoe): D450

FOOD SCIENCE
Dundee: D490 (8)
Nottingham: C560 (14), C770 (14), D400 (14)
Strathclyde: DC45 (18)

GENETICS
Leeds: CC24 (16), C400 (14)
Leicester: C400 (16)
Newcastle: C400 (16)

GEOCHEMISTRY
Leicester: F670 (12)

GEOGRAPHY
Edge Hill: L800
Leeds: F640 (14)
St Mary's Coll: FC81, FF81, GF18, FQ88, FL83

GEOLOGY
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12), F670 (12)
London, UC: F642 (15), F630 (15), F600 (15)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F600 (14), F670 (14), F630 (14)
Newcastle: D960 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: F600 (10), F620 (12)

GEOPHYSICS
Leicester: F640 (12)
London, UC: F650 (15), F660 (15)
Newcastle: F650 (10)

HISTORY OF SCIENCE
Leeds: FV15 (18), FV35 (18)

HORTICULTURE
Nottingham: D250 (14)
Strathclyde: D250 (CDD, D2N9 (CD)

IMMUNOLOGY
London, King's: CC79 (16), C920 (16)
Strathclyde: CC59 (18)

MARINE STUDIES
Wales, Bangor: F140 (4)

MATERIALS SCIENCE
Leeds: J500 (14), FJ35 (18)
London, Imperial: JF52 (14), J525 (14), JF5F (18)

MATHEMATICS
Bath: G100 (20)
Bradford: G100 (10), GG14 (10), G1V7 (10), G1N1 (10)
City: G100, G1G5, G1G4, G1F3
Exeter: G100, G107, G130, GG04
Hull: G100 (12), G120 (12), G1R1 (12), G1R2 (12), G1R4 (12), GG15
Kent: GNC4 (14), GLC1 (12), G100 (12), G1N1 (12), GG15 (12), GV17
Leicester: G102 (14), G100 (14), G1F5 (14), G1G5 (14)
Leeds: FG11 (18)
London, Goldsmiths': G140 (4), G141 (4), GG1M (4), G1G4 (4), G1GM (4), G1GK (4), G1G5 (4), GG14 (4), GG41 (4), GG15 (4)
London, Imperial: G100 (22), G125 (22), G1F3 (22), G101 (22), G1N1 (22), G102 (22), G1G4
London, King's: FF35 (16), FG11 (16), FG31 (16), G100 (18), GG15 (16), GN11 (16), G1V5 (18), GG1N (16), GX11 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: FG11 (8), FG31 (12), FG51 (12), G110 (12), G120 (12), G130 (8), G150 (8), G1N1 (12), GG41 (12), J920 (12), J922 (12)
London, UC: F1G1 (18)
Loughborough: FG31 (16)
Manchester: G100 (18), GV17 (18), G101 (18), G103 (24)
Newcastle: G150 (14), G151 (12), G100 (16), GG14 (14)
St Mary's Coll: GW14, GC11, FG11, CF18, E750, GV18, GV11, GQ18, GL13, GX12, E711, E722, E753, E725
Salford: CG91 (12), G100 (14) GG51, FG11 (10)
Strathclyde: G100 (CDD), G150 (CDD), GG15 (CDD), G1L1 (CDD), GH13 (CDD), G1T9 (CDD)
UMIST: G100 (18), G434 (18), GG15 (18), GRC1 (18), GRC2 (18), GN11 (18), G1R4 (18), G1F5 (18), GF13 (18)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: FG31 (14), FG3C (14), G100 (12), G110 (10), G111 (10), GG15 (12)
Wales, Bangor: G100 (6)
York: G1F3, GF13, G100, G101

MEDICAL SCIENCE
Bradford: Y156 (14)
Loughborough: F126 (14)
Manchester: J2B9 (12)
Ulster: B940 (14)

MICROBIOLOGY
Kent: C500 (8)
Leeds: CC57 (16)
Leicester: C500 (12)
London, King's: C500 (16) CC57 (16)
Manchester: J2B9 (12)
Nottingham: C560 (14)
Strathclyde: CC59 (CCC), C510 (CCC), DC45 (18)

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
Hull: C140 (18)
Leeds: C7C6 (16), C250 (14)
Leicester: C620 (16)
London, King's: C620 (16)
Newcastle: C620 (14)

NEUROSCIENCE
London UC: B172 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: B172 (18), B173 (18)

NURSING
London, King's: B700 (18)

NUTRITION
London, King's: B400 (16)

PHARMACOLOGY
Leeds: B200 (14), BB12 (16)
London, King's: BC27 (16), B200 (16), B220 (16), BB12 (16)
London School of Pharm: B220 (18)
Loughborough: F126 (14)

PHYSICAL SCIENCES
London, UC: Y160 (16)

PHYSICS
Birmingham: F300 (12), F320 (12), F340 (12), F3F5 (12)
Brunel: F302 (6), F300 (6), F352 (6), F355 (6), F3G5 (6), F3Gm (6), F3NC (6), F3N1 (6)
Dundee: F1F3 (12), F300 (6), FF13 (12), FG31 (12), FG35 (12), FH36 (6), FN31 (12), FV37 (12), HF63 (6)
Exeter: F300, F301, F370, F348, F320, F321
Hull: F310 (14), F314 (14), F366 (12), F370 (14), F354 (12)
Kent: F305 (4), F300 (8), F3F5 (8), F365 (8), F361 (8)
Leeds: FF13 (18), FG35 (18), FJ35 (18), FG31 (18), F300 (10), F3F5 (10), F3H5 (10), F3H6 (10), FV35 (18)
London, King's: F300 (16), F305 (16), F350 (16), F370 (16), F3F5 (16), F3G5 (16), F3N1 (16), F3R1 (16), F3V5 (16), FF13 (16), FH36 (16), FX31 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: F300 (8), F303 (12), F323 (12), F320 (8), F3H6 (8), F3HP (12), F334 (8), F374 (8), F3G5 (8), FF23 (8), FG31 (12), F3N1 (8), F1N1 (10)
London, UC: FF53 (20), FF5H (20), F303 (20), F310 (20), F313 (20), F3T2 (20), F370 (20), F365 (20), F366 (20), F654 (20)
Loughborough: F300 (16), FG31 (16), F380 (16)
Manchester: F300 (18), F301 (18), F303 (18), F325 (20), F361 (18), F364 (18), FF36 (18), FG31 (18)
Newcastle: F301 (10), F320, F370 (10), F320
Salford: F314 / F343, F303 / F300 (8), F376 / F375 (8), F305 (8), F354 / F355 (8), F367 / F368 (8), F3TK / F3T4 (8), F3RC / F3R (8), F3R2 / F3RF (8), F3R8 / F3RV (8), FF13 (10)
Strathclyde: F300 (CD), F310 (CD), F368 (CD)
UMIST: F300 (12), F3F9 (12), F356 (12), F368 (12), F376 (12), F3R1 (12), F3R2 (12), GF13 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: F300 (12), F3F5 (12), F370 (12), F320 (12), F348 (12), F303 (12), FF13 (14), FG31 (14), FG3C (14)
York: F376, F377, F3F5, G1F3, GF13, F303, F321, F375, F300, F320

PHYSIOLOGY
Leicester: D946 (16)
London, King's: BC17 (16), B100 (16), BB12 (16)
Salford: CG91 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: BC17 (14),

PLANT SCIENCE
Leicester: C200 (16)
Newcastle: C260 (8), D240 (8)
Nottingham: D240 (14), D820 (14)

PODIATRY
La Sainte Union Coll: B985 (12)
London, UC: B985 (18)

PSYCHOLOGY
Buckingham: C8N1 (12), C8G5 (10), C8C1 (10)
Ulster: C800 (14)

RADIOGRAPHY
Cranfield, RMCS: B810 (10), B820 (10)
London, King's: B800 (16)

SPORT SCIENCE
St Mary's Coll: GX12, E753

STATISTICS
Bradford: GG14 (10)
City: G1G4
Exeter: GGD4, G434, GGK5, L143, L141, L144
Hull: G430 (12)
Leeds: CG14 (16)
London, Imperial: G1G4 (22)
London, UC: G400 (20), Y624 (20), Y625 (20), G4T2 (20)
London, Queen Mary & West: G400 (12), GL41 (18), GL41 (18)
Newcastle: GG14 (14), G400 (14)
Strathclyde: G400 (CDD)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: GG45 (12), G420 (12), G421 (12)

TEXTILES
Leeds: J446 (12), WJ24 (16), NJ14 (14), J460 (12)

ZOOLOGY
Leeds: C300 (14)
Leicester: C500 (20)
Newcastle: D830 (8), D220 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: C300 (18), C301 (12)

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AGRICULTURE/ AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY
Harper Adams: D200, D270, D231, D271, DN25, D25D, D955, F932, H3N1, F999
SAC: D2N1
Humberside: D952
Plymouth: N 970, D200, D201, D202

ANALYTICAL SCIENCE
Greenwich: Y120

AQUACULTURE
Plymouth: F870
SAC: C172

ASTRONOMY
Central Lancashire: F999
Hertfordshire: F500

ASTROPHYSICS
Central Lancashire: F520
Hertfordshire: F399

BIOCHEMISTRY
Central Lancashire: C700
Coventry: C700 (4)
E London: C700
Greenwich: C700
Kingston: C700
N London: C700, C999
Westminster: CC75
Wolverhampton: C700

BIOLOGY
Central Lancashire: C110, F199
Coventry: CL11 (10), CR11 (12), CR12 (12), CL18 (12), CG14 (6)
De Montfort: C110 (4)
Dundee Inst: CF11 (4)
E London: C300, C198
Glamorgan: CF11, CF19, CF13, CJ11, FC61, C100
Glasgow Caledonian: C120
Greenwich: C110, C160
Hertfordshire: C110
Huddersfield: C621
Kingston: CF18, CR11, CR12, CF11, CF13, C199
Leeds Metro: B150 (16)
Luton: Y400
NE Wales Inst: C110 (2)
N London: C120
Nene: Y4C1
Oxford Brookes: C140
Plymouth: C100
Portsmouth: C100, C621
South Bank: C160, C1N1, C1N8, C168
Staffordshire: CF11, CF13, CF16, CF19, CG14, CG15, CL18, CH16
Sunderland: C110, C160
Univ of W England: H648
Wolverhampton: C120

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
Cardiff Inst: C980
Central Lancashire: Y150
De Montfort: CAN1 (4)
E London: C620, C199
Kingston: C999
Portsmouth: C999
Sheffield Hallam: C999, F103
Sunderland: C999
Univ of W England: C999
Wolverhampton: B999, B920

BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCE
E London: C600, C620

BIOSCIENCE
Kingston: C110
Robert Gordon: CF91
Sheffield, Hallam: CN91, CF99

BIOTECHNOLOGY
De Montfort: C999 (4)
Dundee Inst: C999 (4)
E London: C999, J820, CN11
Glamorgan: J800
Lancashire: C199
Luton: Y400
South Bank: J800, J808, J8N1, J8N8
Westminster: J800

CERAMIC SCIENCE
Staffordshire: FJ13, FJ33, FJ36, J320, JG34, JG35

CHEMISTRY
Central Lancashire: F110, F199, F100
Coventry: FF12 (8), FF13 (8), F110 (8), CF11 (8), FG15 (10), FR11 (10), FL18 (10), FR12 (10), FG11 (10), FL18 (10), FR12 (10), FG11 (10), FG14 (10), F1N1 (8), F1C7 (8), J440 (8), F134 (8)
De Montfort: F110 (4), F1N1
Dundee Inst: CF11 (4), FG11 (4), F1N1 (4), FF31 (4), 1N1F (2)
Glamorgan: FF19, FF16, FF13, CF11, F100
Glasgow, Caledonian: F1G5
Greenwich: F1N1, F110, F670, F199, FN11
Hertfordshire: F110, F118, F140, F148
Huddersfield: F100, F1C7, F1H8, F1N1, F1B3
Kingston: FF81, FR11, FR12, F100, F110, F199, F1N1, FF31
Leeds Metro: F1N1
NE Wales Inst: F100 (2)
N London: F100, Y100, F199, F1N1
Northumbria: F110
Plymouth: F140, F180, F110
Portsmouth: F110
Robert Gordon: F110, CF91
Salford Coll: F100 (4), F1F1 (4)
Sheffield Hallam: F103, F110, F162, FF19
South Bank: H800, H808
Staffordshire: F100, F110, FF13, FF16, FF19, FG14, FG15, CF11, FM16, FJ13, FL18
Sunderland: FB13
Teesside: F100, F160
Univ of W England: F110
Wolverhampton: F110

CLINICAL SCIENCE
Bournemouth: B999

COGNITIVE SCIENCE
Westminster: C801

COMBINED STUDIES (SCIENCES)
Bath Coll: Y100
Bournemouth: Y110
Brighton: Y100
De Montfort: Y400
Dundee Inst: Y400 (4)
Glasgow, Caledonian: Y100, Y111, Y110
Gwent: Y400 (4)
Hertfordshire: Y100
Kingston: Y108
Lancashire: Y400
London, Guildhall: Y400
Luton: Y400
Middlesex: Y600
NE Wales Inst: F910 (10), Y120 (4)
N London: Y100
Nottingham Trent: Y108
Oxford Brookes: Y100
Plymouth: Y401
Portsmouth: Y108
Univ of C England: Y100
Univ of W England: NY11, Y110, H648

COMPUTER SCIENCE/STUDIES
Brighton: G501 (8), G534 (8)
Buckinghamshire: G501
Central Lancashire: GT58
Cheltenham & Gloucester: G5TY, GG1N
Coventry: GF53 (8), G500, G5T2, *GI51*
De Montfort: G500 (8), G562 (8), G560 (8)
Derby: G501
Dundee Inst: GG51 (4), G500 (4), FG35 (4)
Glamorgan: G501, G561, GG15
Glasgow, Caledonian: G500, G561
Greenwich: G4G5, L7G5, H620, G501, G500, G561, G530, GM66, GNS1
Kingston: FG85, FG15, G500, GG15
Lancashire: G500
London, Guildhall: G599
Luton: G500, G506
NE Wales Inst: G5T2 (4), G500, (4), G561 (4)
N London: G500, GG5C, Y100
Nene: G560, G599
Northumbria: G501, G5N1, G599
Nottingham, Trent: G508, GH58
Oxford Brookes: G501
Plymouth: GP52
Portsmouth: GG15, GG45, FG85, FG65, FG35, G500
Robert Gordon: G500, G501, G1G5
South Bank: F961, F968, GH57, GJ59, *GL57*
Southampton Inst: G501, G502, G562, G568
Staffordshire: FG35, CG15, G501, G502, G508, G5R1, G5RF, GRM1, FG15, GF56, G5R2, G5R4, G5R5, G5RC, G5RD, GH56, GRM2, GRM3, JG35
Sunderland: GL51
Teesside: G500, N125
Univ of W England: G538, G534, G501, G450, G900
Westminster: H611
Wolverhampton: G599

COMPUTING IN BUSINESS
Buckinghamshire: G569 (22), G562 (16)
Central Lancashire: GN51
Cheltenham & Gloucester: G524, G523, G525, G5F6, G5F8, G5GD, G5L8, G5N1, G5N3, G5NC, G5T9, GN5C, GNNC
Coventry: G523, G560
Dundee Inst: G561 (4)
Kingston: G562
N London: Y100
Robert Gordon: NG15
South Bank: G5T2
Sunderland: G523, G5R1, G5R2, N1N4
Univ of W England: G535, G5T9

CONSERVATION
E London: C901

DECISION SCIENCES
Hertfordshire: GN42

EARTH SCIENCE
Cheltenham & Gloucester: F9NC, FGX1, FXF8, FXV1
Greenwich: F925
Kingston: F920
London Inst: W160
Middlesex: F920
Plymouth: F920

ECOLOGY
Buckinghamshire: J501, (12)
E London: C910
Middlesex: F920

EDUCATION
Greenwich: EW54
Northumbria: EG71, E7F3, ER71, ER72, EJ79
Wolverhampton: E700, E701

ENERGY STUDIES
Coventry: H599
De Montfort: Y400
Southampton Inst: J950, J958

ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY
Greenwich: C160
N London: Y100
South Bank: C160, C168, C1N1, C1N8

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
Cardiff Inst: F910
Cheltenham & Gloucester: D955, D9F9, F9D9, F9LW
Farnborough: F910
Hertfordshire: D900, D908
Humberside: D952
London, Guildhall: M148
Luton: F910
Middlesex: FN9X, FNY1
Sheffield Hallam: CF99
Univ of W England: F932

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/STUDIES
Coventry: F900 (12)
De Montfort: F910
Dundee Inst: F900 (4), L730 (4)
E London: F900, F911
Farnborough: F910
Glamorgan: CF19, FF19, FF69, FF39, FJ61, F900
Greenwich: K340, F911, F199
Hertfordshire: F140
Humberside: F900
Kingston: F900, F970
Luton: Y400
Middlesex: F961, F900
NE Wales Inst: F900 (4)
N London: F900, FF19
Nene: F910
Plymouth: F140, F699
Portsmouth: F920
Robert Gordon: F900
Sheffield Hallam: FF39, FF19
South Bank: FFX9, FG95
Staffordshire: CF19, FF19, LF19
Univ of W England: F900
Westminster: F900, FN91, F910
Wolverhampton: F900

FOOD SCIENCE
Bath Coll: D450 (6)
Bournemouth: D400
Cardiff Inst: C400
Huddersfield: DB44
Humberside: D408, D401, D450, D400, D40V, D421, D409
N London: N700, B4C1
Oxford Brookes: BD44
Plymouth: D202, D400, D402
Queen Margaret Coll: D420
Robert Gordon: D4N1
South Bank: D400, D408, D498, D499, D4N1
Teesside: D499

FORENSIC
Teesside: F999

FURNITURE SCIENCE
London, Guildhall: J570, J499

GEOGRAPHY
Cheltenham & Gloucester: FL88, LV81, FL9V, FL18, G5F8, F1F8, F8FX, F8L8
Coventry: LF83 (8)
Greenwich: F800, L800
E London: K399
Kingston: FF81 (8), FG81 (12), FG85 (12), FL38 (8), FL81 (12), FR81 (12), FR82 (10), FG85 (12), FF86 (12), L800
N London: L800
London, Guildhall: F899, L800, M148, L800
Luton: Y400
Middlesex: F800
Portsmouth: F800, FG85, FG81, FG84, F8R1, F8R2, FF38, FF68
South Bank: F8F9
Staffordshire: CL18, FL18, FL38, FL61, CF16
W London: L8N1, L8G5, FL68, *LV81*, LW83

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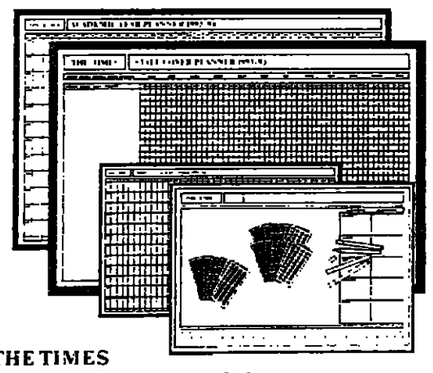

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** reports from the edge of his seat as *The Fugitive* runs off the small screen and on to the big

The doctor will seize you now

Jeroen Krabbé, on form as Dr Charles Nichols, a colleague of Harrison Ford's Dr Richard Kimble in the cinema remake of the cult 1960s television series, *The Fugitive*

Consider yourself lucky your name is not Dr Richard Kimble. Although clearly innocent, he is arrested, tried and convicted of murdering his beloved wife. After escaping from custody, he must look over his shoulder every second to see if the police are on his trail. For more than two hours he is hunted by helicopter, pursued through a storm drain, chased along hospital stairs, corridors, and a St Patrick's Day parade, with only an arm's length or an automatic door separating him from captivity. It's a dog's life being **The Fugitive**.

Devised by Roy Huggins, the original 1960s television series made David Janssen's name as an actor, and the choice of lead player remains crucial to this spectacular big-screen revival. Few other current film stars invest their roles with such genuine feeling as Harrison Ford (*see story below*). After one look at his hunted, creased face, we believe in Kimble's innocence, and share his plight as he tries to shake off the law while tracking down the one-armed man he found at the scene of the crime.

Another reason for the film's success is the director Andrew Davis. Last encountered trapped on a battleship with Steven Seagal in *Under Siege*, he is now one of Hollywood's best action specialists. Give him a prison bus spinning out of control on to the tracks of an advancing train, and he is in seventh heaven. Even the less flamboyant set pieces set the pulse racing, and far outdistance the synthetic thrills of *Cliffhanger*.

Tommy Lee Jones, another survivor of *Under Siege*, deserves his own bouquet. He has been breathing down stars' necks since the early 1970s, but his work as Lieutenant Gerard, the obsessed state marshal, is striking enough to make him a star in his own right. He shades his lines with delicious irony, and pursues his prey with obvious relish. Jeroen Krabbé is also on form in the ambiguous role of Kimble's colleague, Dr Charles Nichols.

So let us rejoice: here is a Hollywood spectacular that strikes the right balance between character and action, and does not sell the audience short.

Nora Ephron's script for Rob Reiner's comedy *When Harry Met Sally* made hearts flutter and the rafters ring. **Sleepless in Seattle**, her second film as a writer-director, works overtime trying to repeat the success. This could almost be called *When Sam Met Annie*, although Sam and Annie spend the entire movie edging towards a romantic meeting from opposite sides of the United States.

Sam lives in Seattle, a grieving widower who, prodded by his young son, spills out his heart over a radio phone-in programme. Annie hears him in Baltimore, and grows ever more curious, though she is mere weeks away from the altar. Their long-distance manoeuvrings pass pleasantly enough: how could it be otherwise when the lines are tart ("It's easier to be killed by a terrorist than get married over the age of 40") and the stars are Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan? Yet a few nips and tucks from Ephron the director would have given the story much-needed bite: both exposition and wrap-up prove painfully protracted.

The film might also please more if it were not so self-consciously wrapped in tinsel. The season is Christmas, and you cannot move for decorations. Song standards festoon the soundtrack; old films haunt the characters' minds. "Think Cary Grant!" a work chum advises Hanks before a date; while Ryan is one of several women besotted with Grant's 1957 film *An Affair to Remember*, a saccharine comedy that dragged its feet even more than *Sleepless in Seattle*.

None of this helps us take Sam and Annie's problems to heart; they are clearly playing a game for the movies, even when Ephron tries to show Hanks caving in to loneliness and grief. Audiences experience their own mixed emotions. We smile at the amusing observations of the dating ritual; we groan at the schmaltz, and look at our watches.

The Wedding Banquet shares with *Sleepless in Seattle* a puppy's eagerness to please, although this Taiwanese-American venture ingratiates itself with greater subtlety and tact. Ang Lee's cross-cultural romp bounces along from one crisp scene to the next. Even the weighty jury at the Berlin Film Festival could not ignore its entertainment value: the film shared the Golden Bear, the top prize.

The surface is pure situation comedy. Wai-Tung, a Taiwanese real-estate dealer played by newcomer Winston Chao, lives in Manhattan with his male Caucasian lover (Mitchell Lichtenstein). The folks back home wonder why he never marries: to ease the pressure, he arranges a union with an art student from Shanghai who is desperate for a green card. The nuptials might have passed unnoticed if the parents had not flown in for the celebrations. They insist on a formal wedding banquet, held in a plush hotel. Tensions rise, soaring further once the woman (May Chin) announces she is pregnant.

Although the patterned plot is unrealistically neat, Ang Lee — born in Taiwan, trained in America — digs deep into the characters' feelings, and avoids easy laughs about sexual orientation. He also supplies a political dimension for students of Asian history, although the fake marriage's reflection of Taiwanese and Chinese relations will sail over most Western heads.

Not to worry: we are still left with a tasty banquet.

Now, meet impoverished filmmaker Adolpho Rollo. He breakfasts on egg, milk and bread chunks stirred together in a frying pan. The landlord's thugs demand back rent. His gods are the serious fellows, Tarkovsky, Dostoevsky and Nietzsche, and he has a 500-page script to sell. Enter the gangster Joe, who puts up the bankroll, and clutches the bewildered Adolpho to his bosom.

Earlier films by the young American independent Alexandre Rockwell have not had audiences rocking with laughter. They have not had audiences, full stop. But in the loosely autobiographical **In the Soup** he has made a zany comedy of enormous charm that should appeal to anyone who relishes Jim Jarmusch's tall tales.

Visually, *In the Soup* retains the grainy black-and-white look that budgets force on many American independents. But the cast approaches the starry. Steve Buscemi, the bug-eyed delight of *Reservoir Dogs* and *Barton Fink*, is the hopeful cineaste; Seymour Cassel bubbles over with bonhomie as the fatherly gangster, and Will Patton casts a quirky chill as the haemophiliac Skippy, glowering in black.

Two footnotes. James B. Harris's thriller **Boiling Point** never even simmers, despite Wesley Snipes as a Treasury agent bent on revenge and Dennis Hopper as the villain with a fondness for 1940s big bands. But it seems a jewel next to Abbe Wool's **Roadside Prophets**, a dunderheaded counter-culture odyssey featuring punk rocker John Doe, Adam Horovitz of faded rappers the Beastie Boys, and 1960s leftovers such as Timothy Leary in cameo roles.

The Fugitive
Warner West End, 12, 140 mins
Rousing thrills with Harrison Ford

Sleepless in Seattle
Odeon Leicester Square, PG, 105 mins
Smart but indulgent romantic comedy

The Wedding Banquet
Metro, Warner West End, 15, 107 mins
Delightful cross-cultural comedy

In the Soup
Everyman, 15, 93 mins
Zany tale of gangster and poor film-maker

Boiling Point
Odeon Haymarket, 15, 92 mins
Stone-cold thriller that wastes good talent

Roadside Prophets
MGM Panton Street, 15, 96 mins
Counter-cultural odyssey lost in a time warp

Talking to Harrison Ford can resemble being in a Pinter play, **David Robinson** discovers

A star in his own silent movie

The swarm of paparazzi was finally shooed away, to expose Harrison Ford, waiting to face the world's film press on the occasion of the European premiere of *The Fugitive*, at the Venice festival.

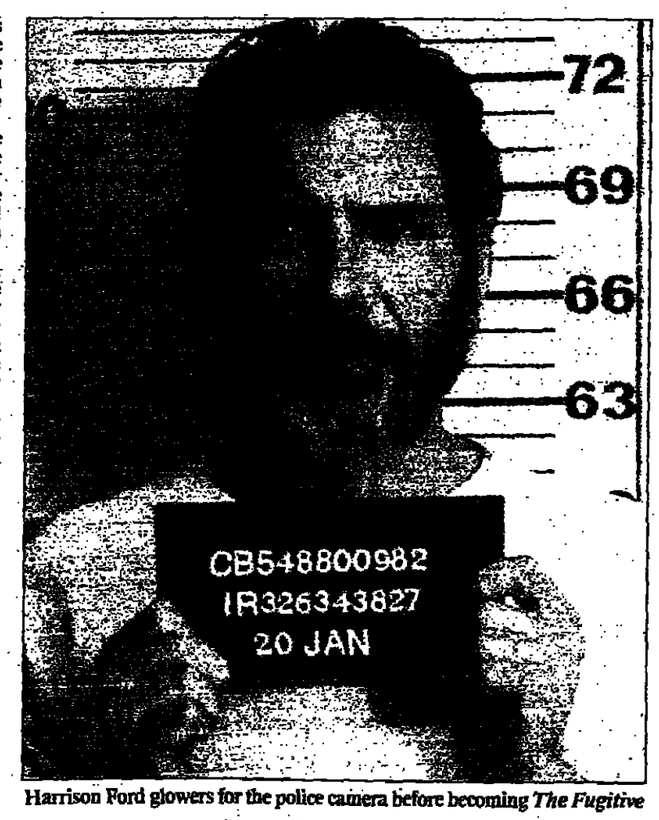
This was clearly not the part of the job he most enjoyed: in his plain-Jane glasses, he looked less like a movie star on display than a P.E. teacher whose wife had left him that morning and who was in no mood for silliness from the fifth form.

A man with a reputation for being a reluctant talker at the best of times, he was flanked by the bearded, bouncy director of *The Fugitive*, Andrew Davis, and the producer, Arnold Kopelson. They, by contrast, were clearly dying to talk: but the press was more impatient to hear Ford.

Kopelson explained his 30-year enthusiasm for the original 1960s television series on which *The Fugitive* is based. "I first tried to get the film rights 20 years ago, but only succeeded six years ago. After that it took five and a half years, eight writers and 15 screenplays before we came up with a viable script. It was only the seventh writer's script that I gave to Harrison, although he was my first choice for the role of Richard Kimble."

Davis explained that, like most of his audience, he grew up too late to have known the television series. "We had to make something very contemporary to which people who were not even born at the time of the show could relate. We took from the show the basic premise of an innocent man on the run and the people who were chasing him. The problem of the film was to make both the character who is being chased and the man who is chasing him — played by Tommy Lee Jones — positive and sympathetic."

Articulating his thoughts about his own work, Ford constantly, almost obsessively, reverted to the supremacy of story: "Consciously what I do is to aid in the telling of stories . . . In choosing roles, I try to fix on a variety of stories with dramatic constructions in which the character I play has a part. In general what I need to know is how the character I play fits into the story and illustrates the idea of the story . . . My input into the scripts of my films is always focused to the telling of the story."



Harrison Ford glowers for the police camera before becoming *The Fugitive*

It was surprising, though, to find this most phlegmatic of actors declaring: "I need to see that the story creates an emotional relationship with the character. I think that emotion is what is useful in drawing the audience into the story. So I look for the expression of emotion more than anything.

"Everyone has his own experience, his own emotions, his own intellect to bring to the work. Whether you wear a rubber nose or gain a hundred pounds, it is still your brain that is choosing what behaviours to exhibit. The common thread that runs through my work is me."

How does he select projects? "My taste leads me into a certain kind of story. But then I try to vary the menu from time to time, with films like *Witness* and *Mosquito Coast*. I was always ambitious to do different kinds of films and I have gone from one type to another quite purposefully to demonstrate to the business community in Hollywood that I was useful in more than one kind of film."

Would he reject certain subject-matter, even if the picture was well written and gave him a good character? "Well, I exercise taste — my own personal taste. There are certain things I don't like: violence as entertainment, kinetics without ideas."

He is happy that *The Fugitive* presents an argument against capital punishment. "I think that the death penalty is institutionalised retribution which is not a very high state of the human spirit," he said. "I don't believe in capital punishment."

Ford was frank in answering the inevitable question about the spectacular stunts in *The Fugitive*: "I don't do dangerous things. Stunt men do dangerous things. I do physical acting. Some scenes, like the train crash, were done by special effects. The dive from the reservoir was done by an articulated dummy. Neither I nor stand-ins were involved. Other scenes in the film may seem physically demanding, but they were not dangerous."

Davis felt impelled to redress the balance of Ford's modesty. "Harrison does not do his own stunts: but it is his head that bangs against the car and the top of the elevator," the director interjected. "He is running, he is jumping, he is putting out tremendous energy."

The continental press were curious to know whether federal marshals yell all the time, as Jones seems to do in the film. Davis defended the character: "It may seem strange to European audiences, but American audiences don't think he's shouting. They just think he's taking over the operation, establishing his authority."

This, though, stirred Ford to a warm defence of a fellow actor: "Tommy Lee gives a remarkable performance and an effectively modulated performance," he said. "There's a lot of range in his character, and to say that he is just shouting is very unfair to him. And also to Mr Davis. Thank you."

And, with that show of something approaching feeling, Ford gratefully made his way once more through the paparazzi crowds, back to the seclusion of his hotel suite.

New York beckons

TOM Stoppard has waited a long time for this. His 1988 play *Hapgood* will receive its New York premiere next spring at Lincoln Centre, the theatre that has been suggested as an eventual New York home for Stoppard's current National Theatre success, *Arcadia*. *Hapgood* did have one previous American outing — a production on the West Coast, which flopped. The New York production will feature the American actress Stockard Channing (*Six Degrees of Separation*) inheriting Felicity Kendal's original role.

● THE new team at English National Opera has decided not to appoint a successor to David Pountney as director of productions. Instead Dennis Marks and Sian Edwards have created a new department of artistic administration and dramaturgy "to combine the functions of planning, casting, dramaturgy and artistic development". Its director will be Guus Mostart, a former director of productions for Glyndebourne Touring Opera and former artistic director of Vancouver Opera. He starts at the Coliseum on November 1.

Triple landing

THREE of the world's top dancers have been snapped up as guest artists by English National Ballet. Susan Jaffe of American Ballet Theatre will dance in performances of *The Sleeping Beauty* (in a new production by Ronald Hynd) and in Ben Stevenson's production of *The Nutcracker* during the autumn and Christmas seasons. Igor Zelensky, who appeared in London this summer with his home company, the Kirov, will dance the role of the Prince in ENB's *The Nutcracker* on tour and in London. And Yelena Pankova also returns to ENB for its Christmas season. The company has also reported a 15 per cent increase in its audiences. Its box office revenue grew from £3.1 million in 1991-2 to £3.8 million in 1992-3.

● TAKING its cue from English National Opera, Scottish Opera is inviting audiences to help stage Britten's *The Turn of the Screw* at the Tramway in Glasgow in February 1994. The "I'm Backing Britten" campaign is designed to win sponsorship from individuals rather than businesses. Sponsors can give from £25 to £1,000.

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THE ABSENCE OF WAR: This play completes David Hare's "state of the nation" trilogy. John Thaw plays the leader of the Labour Party in search of real power.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm. Opens Oct 2, 7.30pm as third part of all-day performance of the trilogy.

LIFE OF STUFF: Simon Donald's clever comedy from last year's Edinburgh Festival. Racketeer breaks into Scotland's gangland culture.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm. Mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm. Till November 6.

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: David Thacker's delightful Stratford production, with music from the Gershwin era, plays 16 performances here before resuming its national tour.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.15pm.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: As part of its international series the orchestra conducted by Stanislaw Skrowaczewski performs Mozart (Symphony No 34), Ravel (Piano Concerto in C) and Strauss (*Also sprach Zarathustra*). Piano soloist is Cécile Ousset.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Soprano Maria Ewing joins the orchestra for the opening concert of its new season, conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas. Britten (*Four Sea Interludes* from *Peter Grimes*), Ravel (*Sheherezade*), and Nielsen (Symphony No 5) make up the programme.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

FATS WALLER 50TH ANNIVERSARY: The legendary Fats Waller, who died 50 years ago, is remembered in a selection of some of his best-known compositions. Keith Nichols, the jazz and ragtime pianist, accompanied by a line-up of ragtime instrumentalists, performs old favourites such as "Your Feet's Too Big", "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter" as well as previously unrecorded material.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Mark Hargie

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Marcus D'Amico, Barry Stanton and newcomer Sandra Reinton enjoy three acts of frustration, mostly sexual, in Graeme Messer's production of **Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.**
Old Rep Theatre, Station Street (021-616 1519), 7.30pm.

LEEDS: Phoenix Dance Company opens its new season with a programme of contemporary dance that features two world premieres. The first, *Fatal Strategy*, is by the American choreographer Donald Byrd and is "inspired by the human motives of seduction and counter-seduction". The second comes from Pamela Johnson, whose *Face Our Own Face* looks at images of black women. The bill is completed by Darshan Sing Bhuller's *Heart of Chaos*, which deals with male violence via the metaphor of boxing.
West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Quarry, Hill Mount, (0532 442111). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm.

NEWCASTLE: The hard-rocking all-female band, **Babes in Toyland**, which split up last year following the release of their successful *Fontanelle* album, have now reformed. Their latest offering, *Painkillers*, combines reworked live material and four bring new songs.
Riverside, (091-232 9729), 7.30pm.

HULL: *The First Born*, by **Fred Elwell RA**, was exhibited at the RA in 1913, and excited fierce argument as to whether the young father first glimpsing his first child should have taken off his hat. The picture remains Elwell's most popular. Painters of such Victorian genre scenes seldom rate big retrospectives these days, but Elwell repays the trouble with a lot of technically accomplished painting and some fascinating insights about life upstairs and downstairs.
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◪ **CAROUSEL.** Tuneful Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
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☐ **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT.** A wretched look at the clubbing habits of 1960s youth. Starring Dennis Waterman.
Strand Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD.** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd Webber's success.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm. 155mins.

☐ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Julia Bardsley begins the new regime here with her own version of Zola's sexual thriller. Water drips everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge.
Young Vic, 60 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm and some Weds.

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NEW RELEASES

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THE CRUSH (15) Psychopathic Lolita ensnares naive reporter. Good-looking but redundant potboiler, with Cary Elwes, Alicia Silverstone. Director, Alan Shapiro.
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **THE FIRM** (15) Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. With Gene Hackman, Ed Harris. Sydney Pollack directs.
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◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15) Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
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◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG) Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
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THE LIE (15) Refreshing, straightforward French drama about facing up to Aids. Francois Margolin directs Nathalie Baye and Didier Sandre.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031)

◆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (PG) Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, cleanly-spoken verse, but little film finesse.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15) Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles.
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LE SAMOURAI (PG) Downfall of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

THEATRE: Adaptations of Zola at the Young Vic and the Marquis de Sade in Battersea

Strange passions for a post mortem

Thérèse Raquin
Young Vic

EVEN before the lights dim, there are signs that Julia Bardsley and Tim Supple's regime at the Young Vic, whose first offering this is, will be more unconventional than the one it has replaced. I cannot imagine David Thacker distributing a theatre programme from which there droops a thin white plastic glove, as they do. He would surely have thought it enough to print a reference to Zola's belief that naturalist writers were medicine-men, duty-bound to examine reality with clinical detachment.

He might also have thought it dangerous to remind us *so* obviously of one of the most celebrated quotes from the preface to *Thérèse Raquin* itself. Zola was, he said, making dramatic use of "the analytic method that surgeons apply to corpses".

So what is the dead thing that we are supposed to be inspecting, our pathologist's gloves at the ready? Could it be Bardsley's production of *Thérèse Raquin*? Well, there were times when it struck me as slow and over-solemn, and watching it seemed as much fun as witnessing a laborious post mortem. But there were others when her imagination was, if anything, too unrestrained — and I wondered if it would have been more apt to have found straitjackets dangling from our programmes.

Her production is a strange, eclectic mix, as different as could be from the play Zola himself based on his original novel. That was a pretty conventional retelling of the tale of frustrated Thérèse, her feeble husband Camille, and her rapacious lover Laurent. As in the book, passion led to murder, murder to guilt, and guilt to a double suicide gloatingly observed by Camille's mother, speechless from a stroke but well aware of who killed her son. Zola thought of the result as a biological treatise in theatrical form, but it was acually a well-made melodrama with a moral point to make about the perils of sexual indulgence.

Returning to the original novel for inspiration, Bardsley's adaptation differs from Zola's play in one key respect. It, too, is highly moral in tenor. Indeed, it suggests that self-respecting murderers can expect to succumb to what we might call the Macbeth syndrome, complete with sleepless nights, accusing dreams and weird visions.

It, too, lapses into melodrama. Indeed, the production crosses the frontier between melodrama and Grand Guignol to the accompaniment of histrionic groans from the music section. But well-made it is not, or at least not in the usual sense of the term.

Imagine an isolated greenhouse whose perspex panes roll back to reveal a wall of white tiles from which spaghetti tumbles. That is Aldona Cunningham's set, an unsettling mix of bourgeois insularity and oddball chaos. Imagine figures in black hats and long black plastic overcoats — part Hassidic elders, part lifeboatmen — roaming around Gordon Milne's dim Camille. They are presumably angels of death. Imagine a boating "accident" presented in terms of chairs hauled up by ropes while pails of water are poured into a bath. All that remains is for Milne's head to be dunked in the tub, and, lo, he is being drowned in the Seine.

So the evening proceeds, not always achieving the sought-for imaginative intensity, but seldom failing when

MARILYN KINGWILL

Doomed lovers: Anastasia Hille (Thérèse), Rory Edwards (Laurent)

Anastasia Hille's pale, drawn Thérèse moves emotionally to the fore. She has to express passion by balletically leaping onto the thighs of Rory Edwards's glowering Laurent, and despair by hurling herself at and almost through a wall. Yet her desolation, remorse, anger, horror, all contrive to be human and plausible. Whatever the production does or doesn't bode for the Young Vic's future, here is an actress to watch.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Nuts from Brazil with smut from the Marquis

Philosophy in the Alcove
BAC, Battersea

THE Brazilian company Os Satyros is outré way beyond any British ensemble I have ever seen. The main house at Battersea seems to have been hired for a hard-core sex show worthy of Soho.

Philosophy in the Alcove, adapted from the Marquis de Sade's tale of the debauched French aristocracy, keeps next to nothing in the closet. It is not just a question of what the butler saw. We also see a fair bit of the butler. His hands may be covered beyond the call of decency in two pairs of rubber gloves, but he has been terribly sluttish concerning the rest of his livery.

Moths have presumably been at his waistcoat. There are only a few strips left, scantily stretched across his naked pectorals. His hose demands attention, too. He is letting it all hang out — front and back — through a gaping hole.

But, darn it, his mistress, the ironically named Juliette de Saint'Ange, is hardly going to complain. Her own costume is shot to hell. Not only has she mislaid the crotch of her tights, her bodice has plainly shrunk in the wash. This is, perhaps, the total-exposure approach to titillation.

Nevertheless, Os Satyros's extraordinarily explicit scenes of mass masturbation, violent penetration and sexual abuse can also be powerfully disturbing. The choreography sometimes stylises sex, but more often the action is unnervingly convincing. The half-updated punky costumes suggest the contemporary pertinence of Sade's tales of sado-masochism.

Personally, though, the philosophy of loveless sex and the thrill of seeing others suffer — a creed with which Juliette and her associate, Dolmancé, indoctrinate the young innocent Eugénie — left me cold. The production is nasty, brutish and somewhat too long. Sade advocated debauchery to relieve life's boredom, but his catalogues of perversions rapidly become mind-numbing. Watching a woman defecate to Bach's Concerto for Two Violins must be an acquired taste.

Rodolfo García Vázquez adapts and directs Sade with greater success than did Nick Hedges, who staged *120 Days of Sodom* here two years ago. But this production can be theatrically crude. Slapping a red light on sex scenes is as unsubtle as it is unoriginal.

Ivam Cabral (Dolmancé) and Daniel Gaggini (The Statue) give physically excellent performances. Yet there is some clumsy melodrama and the translation is ropey. Sade, in a strong Brazilian accent, can sound unintentionally ridiculous ("One of de merst lerstful men in de 'ole empire"). That is when the dialogue is not completely incomprehensible. The cast are not the only ones groping in the dark.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE: "Radical" South Asians on the South Bank

Innovations from the East

Kadamb
Queen Elizabeth Hall

OF COURSE, Indian dance should evolve, instead of being a museum art, created several millenia ago. But should evolution really lead to rigid and relentless patterns of dancers, placed as in a vacuum on the QEH platform? To music on tape? Kumudini Lakhia's company, Kadamb, opened the London run of Vivarta, the festival of "radically new South Asian performance" and brought uncertainties rather than solutions.

Lakhia is right when she writes that we spectators are locked in the traditional expectation of a solo Indian dancer relating to musicians on stage. We admire the carefully arranged formations of Western dancers; we applaud them as they dance to recorded scores.

But illogically, Atul Desai's elaborately orchestrated modern Indian music sounded synthetic in its amplified glory; and spawned an undesirable side-effect in the first piece, *Akhil Madhur*. The singer-dancer, Vaishali Trivedi, arrived and began to sing, you felt, really beautifully, until five minutes on the horrible thought dawned. Was she really singing (as later snoopings confirmed), or mouthing to the taped lyrics?

To our eyes, Lakhia's innovations to Kathak, the ancient style of northern India, resemble the procedures of Western choreography ten years ago. It is as though she has hybridised Kathak with post-modern dance.

However, I am told, this updated Kathak has gown out of itself, not out of imitation, so it must be travelling along a parallel route. Taking Kathak's two dimensions of line and pulse, Lakhia has added a third of geometric volume, collecting her dancers in precise groupings. She elaborates the repetition which already exists in Kathak into a whole language.

This was especially obvious in *Sama-Samvedan*. Its depiction of the individual against society is couched in choreography that seems to pull out and spotlight various features of Kathak. Even the staccato utterances that accompany the Kathak dancer are developed into a highly-wrought passage of verbal choreography.

Kadamb consists of a pleasant young bunch of dancers. *Avartan*, a solo portrayal of womanhood performed by Ishira Parikh, was lost on us, though, since we could not understand her monologue. But the bravura trio in *Gat-Gati* made a good impression, building Kathak's stampings into a vast, towering edifice.

NADINE MEISNER

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Abandon hope, you who enter

The atmosphere at this year's contest for television's Prix Italia is nothing if not serious. **Lynne Truss** stifles her giggles

The image on the screen is reminiscent of the proverbial black cat in a coal mine. In an unspecified location in The Netherlands — in a Dutch documentary entered for this year's Prix Italia, cheerily entitled *Worm Within* (De Worm in het Zijn) — a man, whose skin and hair are so begrimed by filth and paraffin smoke that he resembles a living flue-brush, shows us the main black features of his similarly sooty and similarly alarming home.

"I've got some pictures here," he says (in Dutch), waving his crude paraffin lamp at what appears to be a perfectly black wall. "Pictures?" thinks the viewer. "This bloke is not just dirty, he's mad."

But he rubs at a section of the wall with his hand, and a thick — unbelievably thick — glob of sticky soot falls away, to reveal a pale line of postcards underneath. One of these he unsticks (*crack!*) from the wall and displays to the camera. Apparently it is a representation of his favourite Watteau, but in the present uncompromising lighting conditions, one cannot verify this and is obliged to take his word.

The programme is about isolation and it is very good. But it is also unfortunately typical. For the 45-year-old Prix Italia is an awfully serious competition. In fact, one suspects that if an entry for any of the television categories — music and arts, documentary and fiction — does not contain examples of misery, nihilism, skeletal corpses, existential horror or people caked with soot, it is stopped and searched at the airport, and put on the first flight home.

Last year, when the Prix was held in Parma (and I was attending for the first time) I noted a strange documentary from Finland about a man so scared of the Russians that he spent 27 years hiding in a cellar, cunningly concealed under a pile of potatoes. Here was desperation at its nadir, I thought. But how wrong I was. Compared with the suffering in many of the 1993 entries, 27 years under a pile of potatoes is a mere bagatelle.

For this year, in Rome, you can rub away at the black stuff but you only reveal more black stuff underneath. Every day, in fact, you can be depressed in six different languages. "Potatoes? Twenty-seven years? Is that all?" we say in Rome.

> Every day, you can be depressed in six different languages

In Saipan in 1944, 200 Japanese people committed mass suicide by throwing themselves off a cliff (France 2 documentary: *Saipan*). Take a look at America's PBS entry *Silverlake Life: the View from Here*, in which a video diary shows a man dying of Aids, right before your eyes. See how CBC in Canada has taken a mass child-abuse case and dramatised the suffering in *The Boys of St Vincent*. Catch some of the stark cruelty used by Tony Palmer to illustrate Henryk Gorecki's *Symphony of Sorrowful Songs* (Channel 4). Potatoes? What are you going to tell me about potatoes?

Rumours had been rife that the Prix Italia would not take place this year. Evidently Italy's RAI (Radio-Televisione Italiano) usually spends £1 million to mount the festival — which is not much when you consider that the annual turnover of terrestrial television in Britain is about £3 billion, but is nevertheless a conspicuous expense when all backs are against the wall.

RAI's compromise for 1993 was to halve the cost by holding the Prix Italia at its own headquarters in Rome instead of commandeering a small town — a decision which does not disrupt the competition (jury rooms, observer viewing and listening rooms, small basement booths for individual sessions with cassettes), but which obviously undermines the other, important functions of the Prix, in making it difficult for the international delegates to meet by chance in the evenings, or even (mercifully perhaps) to get together and wail (we are doomed, we are all doomed).

Under the weight of this gloom — compounded by the airlessness of the booths and the wallop of the Mark 4 heat that greets you each time you step out of doors — it has been understandably difficult to keep one's spirits up. On the other hand, quality television, even of the life-under-the-potatoes kind, has its consolations and there is plenty of quality here, despite the odd whimper from mystified jurors still waiting for the outstanding programmes to leap off the screen.

An old Prix Italia hand tells me, incidentally, that it is customary half-way through the competition for jurors to start shaking their heads and muttering about "not giving the prize this year", and that they are usually dissuaded. It's just a phase they go through.

From my own parochial standpoint, the answer to the judges' problem is simple: award all the prizes to the Brits. But you would be surprised at the level of resistance to this idea, despite the evident popularity of British programmes in viewing rooms. In the drama section, (called "fiction") there has been an agreeable word-of-mouth buzz among the delegates about the BBC's wonderful adaptation of Alice Thomas Ellis's *The Clothes in the Wardrobe* — in fact, it is a programme that has been most often recommended to newcomers ("Jeanne Moreau! Joan Plowright!") but popularity being no guarantee of success, it is probably unwise to get too excited at this stage.

Meanwhile Channel 4's *Riff Raff* (by Ken Loach) must be in with a chance, and our three documentaries are all strong: Channel 4's *Homeland* (Yuris Podnieks's poignant and beautiful hymn to his native Latvia); Yorkshire Television's commendably non-exploitative *Katie and Eilish* (about the separation of Siamese twins); and BBC2's *The Engineer's Plot* from Adam Curtis's excellent series *Pandora's Box*, about the failure of 20th-century ideas of scientific progress.

In the music and arts section, however, I feel we almost deserve to fail — not because of the quality of the entries, but because we have cravenly bowed our necks to the unwritten rule that, in the context of the Prix Italia, "music and arts" means "music and dance" and admits no element of documentary, or arts in the broader sense. Since arts documentaries are one of our great strengths, you might suppose we would continue to resist this reading. But no. Thus the BBC has entered *Vampyr: A Soap Opera* (directed by Nigel Finch), while ITV's contender is Tony Palmer's hard-hitting *South Bank Show* illustrating Gorecki's *The Symphony of Sorrowful Songs*.

Just because last year's judges discounted Paul Pawlokowski's witty *Bookmark* programme *Dostoevsky's Travels* (they said it was a documentary), and professed to find nothing "remarkable" in the *South Bank Show*'s fascinating (and very popular) analysis of the Beatles' *Sgt Pepper*, the Brits have promptly shuffled into line. Such pragmatism is rather disappointing.

Will the Prix Italia survive? Of course it *should*: it is a force for good. According to the outgoing secretary-general, Piergiorgio Branzi, the show will go on, possibly with the benefit of a papal blessing on Friday (Yes! The Pope!). But it is hard — as I said — to be cheerful, when the programmes all start with lines such as "Yes, it's all over" (*Worm Within*) and when people come here to debate "'Est-ce la fin de l'histoire?", as a matter of course. For an event so packed with foreboding, actually to capitulate seems strangely inappropriate.

Omar Ebrahim and Fiona O'Neill in BBC2's adaptation of Marschner's *The Vampyr*: in the context of the Prix Italia, "music and arts" means "music and dance"

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Second among equals?

With the race for recognition as London's second orchestra under way — the LSO has already taken first prize — the start of the new season has a feeling of greater urgency than ever. Proudly sporting a new logo, the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** has made a cheeky pre-emptive strike by billing itself "Britain's national orchestra".

It ushered in the new era at the Festival Hall on Tuesday evening with the spirited *Fanfare for a New Beginning* by Gareth Wood, chairman and double bass player with the orchestra, followed by a rousing account of Wagner's *Meistersinger* overture under the principal conductor, Yuri Temirkanov.

The delicate nuances of Mahler's Rückert Lieder could not be further removed from the overweening spirit of celebration embodied in that overture. Ann Murray was perfectly attuned to this world of inner contemplation. "Liebst du um Schönheit" (If you love for beauty) is more than a love song, penetrating to the essence of love itself, and Murray held us spellbound with quiet intensity.

"Um Mitternacht" (At Midnight) was properly a darker view of things: here Murray caught the dull tone of the hopelessness beyond anguish, an emptiness that cannot be dispelled completely even by the poet's final protestation of faith in God. The truth is told in the final song, "Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen" (I am lost to the world), where the poet reconciles himself to his fate. And here Murray, with Temirkanov's sensitive accompaniment, drew us surely to that haven of tranquillity represented by art, the syllables of the poet's song dissolving themselves into pure ethereal sound.

Temirkanov's approach to Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony was less easily intelligible. His determination to exaggerate the contrasts between, say, the murky stillness of the opening and the wild assault of the development section produced a series of climaxes of truly visceral effect (especially from a seat only a dozen rows away). But already the suspicion was growing that there would be a price to pay in lack of organic growth.

The coda was a perfect evocation of that bleak, frosty landscape of the Russian soul, and here Temirkanov came into his own, as he did in the hell-for-leather anarchy of the second-movement Allegro. His players backed him to the hilt, though for all the forceful utterances of the final two movements, one felt that the impact of the structural whole had been diminished through excessive attention to the needs of the moment.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Learning from experience

Since Sir Colin Davis and Sibelius go together like — well, perhaps like Arctic cloudberries and cream, the **London Schools Symphony Orchestra** and its Barbican audience were in for a treat on Monday night. But with Sir Colin's magnificent Sibelius cycle with the London Symphony Orchestra still ringing in the ears, this was to be a hard act for the players, at least, to follow.

The LSSO, assembled from some 75 students from maintained London schools, and supported generously by London Electricity through the Foundation and the Centre for Young Musicians, becomes of course a slightly different creature every year. This past year has seen an animal with a healthy brass bark and a formidable strings bite, with Suzuki-trained leader Ilona Hale an astute and assured partner for any conductor.

Sibelius's Fifth Symphony, though, is still quite some challenge. A fiery charge of energy shot from baton to bow at the start of the first movement. So far, so good; but the great weight of responsibility which follows in the rise and cruelly exposed fall of Sibelius's arching line, to say nothing of the great swathes of syncopated figures which follow in its wake, is something else again. This was certainly a performance in which the listener was acutely aware of the full complexity as well as the coherence of Sibelius's grand design. Sir Colin's characteristically long-sighted and deep-breathing way with the score inspired confidence and recharged energy at moments when both might have wavered.

Sir Colin Davis: inspiring with confidence and energy

The warm breadth of the horn playing, both in the eager opening and the swinging finale theme, seemed inspired by the evening's centrepiece. Four horn players from the English Chamber Orchestra (the band responsible for coaching the LSSO) stepped out to play the rarely performed *Concertstück* by Schumann. Its three linked movements for a quartet of solo valve horns and orchestra combine lip-breaking virtuosity with warm, choral-style writing. Frank Lloyd, Anthony Halstead, Andrew Moxon and Christian Rutherford made one long to hear the piece more often.

The evening had begun with an endearing performance of Elgar's *Cockaigne* Overture, fresh, high-stepping and winsome in its sense of seeming to be almost thrown by the particular pomp, circumstance and swagger expressed in this vision of a London now unfamiliar to its present players.

HILARY FINCH

Accent on violence

TELEVISION: **Peter Barnard** reviews a revenge drama set among Irish terrorists

Mark Rylance and Elizabeth Bourgine: web of intrigue

The government's restrictions on the broadcasting of statements by Irish terrorist sympathisers mean that their words can be reported but not in their own voices. Most of the time I find this restriction silly. Last night there were moments when I might have wished for its extension into fiction. A combination of the low light levels so beloved of Nineties television directors and heavily accented Irish voices made **Love Lies Bleeding** (BBC2) heavy going.

The essence of the piece, the first in a new series of Screenplay, is an attempt by an IRA murderer to avenge the killing of his former girlfriend. He is released from The Maze on a one-day "home visit", and spends the day chasing other killers. Most of us would settle for sex, booze or trout fishing, but to be a fanatic is to pursue a different agenda.

The search for revenge unravels a web of intrigue, which reveals the murdered girlfriend as a Loyalist collaborator and the avenging prisoner as the killer of two innocent women: "We blew up the wrong car". Oh well, mistakes will happen. By this time what little sympathy one might have felt for the main character has all but vanished.

One stuck it out in homage to a fine performance by Mark Rylance as Conn Ellis. It was all in his face, which carried from start to finish a look which built panic, doubt and determination into a single taut mosaic. If some of the panic was informed by the knowledge that a plot twist few would credit was looming, Rylance cannot be blamed.

He must have gulped, for instance, to find himself in accidental contact with a fetching French *femme* who happened to be working in Belfast and happened to know (nay, lived with) the aforementioned deceased girlfriend. As with so much to do with Northern Ireland, progress is a triumph of luck over judgment.

The writing is a triumph of realism over art. This is Ronan Bennett's first screenplay, his favoured genre being the novel. He resists cleverness, so that his dialogue has a banal authenticity, the adjective implying no criticism: Bennett did time in Long Kesh (he was later cleared of the offence) and his prison dialogue carries the chill of real-speak.

So does his street talk, which conveys the deadly ordinariness of casually violent men for whom actions speak so much louder than words that the men are beyond comprehending the relationship between their words and their actions. The trouble, last night, was that none of the words illuminated the issue. There was no sense that we were being edged a millimetre nearer the truth. To that extent, the fiction parallels reality. If that is the answer, what was the question?

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By Simon Thurley
Yale University Press, £29.95

It is an illusion of the much-showered and bathed late 20th century that washing began in 1963, as Philip Larkin might have said. One of the revelations of Simon Thurley's superb and engrossing study is that the subject of hygiene and sanitation preoccupied authorities from the Middle Ages onwards.

As well it might: not for them the easy water supplies and convenient drains we have come to expect. Instead, you had a state of affairs where quantities of human beings lived together — in short the royal court and its concomitants, averaging 600 persons from the king and queen down to the humblest bake-house attendant. Nor did this 600 stay in one place. After a few weeks, it was on to the next palace, either as part of a planned royal progress, or to hunt, or simply to allow the first palace to be cleaned up. Thus the provision of water and the carrying-away of waste were both *elaborate matters demanding* much planning. Indeed, the water supply, quite as much as its defensive position, often dictated the actual site of a castle.

The detail of all this will appeal to all those non-royal persons nowadays who have indulged in the pleasure of building works since it is astonishingly similar. Henry VIII's workmen had to be cosseted to work overtime into the small hours by candlelight, with lashings of beer, bread and cheese, and then did not always complete their task much before the great man and his entourage hove to, so that the plaster might still be wet. (Being in charge of a palace which was *not quite ready* for Henry VIII, must have been an especially gruesome fate.) Pipes broke, and for ease of mending little brick houses with stopcocks were erected along the route, known as "tampkins": one, illustrated in this book, can apparently still be seen on Combe Hill golf course, marking the route of the conduit between Combe Hill and Hampton Court. And for all these precautions, human nature remained awkward. The courtiers, caught short, were apt to dash for the nearest courtyards: so much so, that an experiment was tried of marking these walls with red crosses, on the grounds that such symbols would not be defiled. Another common-sense instruction: "Beware of pissing in chimneys" suggests that not everyone was as wary as they should have been.

I have stressed the fascinating domestic side to Thurley's study. Otherwise, in its sumptuous edition, it might seem to be merely another scholarly celebration of royal magnificence: a little removed, perhaps, from the general reader. Certainly "magnificence" is the theme of this book, as it was the eternal theme of Tudor monarchs, expressed in their courts.

Magnificence, the magnificence of the sovereign that is, was to be reflected in every aspect of furnishings (gold decorations where possible), hangings (rich tapestries best of all) and above all of the ritual. Even the personal details of the king's life were to be conducted as solemnly as possible, and formally attended by those courtiers empowered to do so, in order to hallow his position in the eyes of his subjects.

It is Thurley's achievement to show that such organisation was never brought about haphazardly: the monarchy then, as now, was a matter of style and presentation, as well as form, in which the minutest details played their part. One intriguing example is provided by the careful changing of the heraldic symbols of his respective wives in windows, as, in their different ways and for different reasons, they failed to stay the course. In view of the quick turnover in the king's later life — five wives in 14 years — one must be cynically happy for him, I suppose, that of his wives, the first, fifth and sixth shared the same initial, as did the second and fourth. This must have made certain unalterable survivals less embarrassing: at King's College Chapel, Cambridge for example, where a politically incorrect A for Anne Boleyn continued to lurk after her death (and still does).

The psychological explanation for Henry VIII's mania for acquiring residences (he had over 60 at his death, to his father's 25) and renovating those he had, probably does not need much probing. The result of this explosion was that the disposition of court life was set for three centuries after his death, not altered in effect until the time of Queen Victoria. So that the king, once termed a "phoenix in fine masonry", dominated in this way from his grave, as he dominates our history in so many other ways. The domestic detail of his life continues to fascinate: not only his baths but also his beds. Those who doubt the conventional picture of the obese monarch of later years, will be convinced by the fact that a fine walnut bed constructed in the 1530s, had to be enlarged in 1542: it was now 7ft 6in by 7ft.

Lady Antonia Fraser's book The Six Wives of Henry VIII *has just been published in paperback by Mandarin, £6.99.*

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When cultures clash

Jonathan Mirsky

A HISTORY OF HONG KONG
By Frank Welsh
HarperCollins, £25

THE HISTORY of Hong Kong, as Frank Welsh demonstrates in this magnificent, compendious and much-needed history of the colony, is one of misunderstandings, misjudgments and embarrassment. An ex-Hong Kong banker, the author starts his history in the early 19th century, and manages to include the appointment of Chris Patten as governor last year. While for the British Hong Kong ("that natural child of Victorian Britain and Ch'ing China") has been a cultural and political triumph, for the Chinese it has been a perpetual symbol of national humiliation.

Both sides were culture bound. British merchants thought the Chinese were characterised by "a marvellous degree of imbecility, avarice, conceit and obstinacy". Lin Zexu, the Emperor's man in Canton, who confronted the British just before the 1839-40 Opium War by burning 2,613,879 lbs of their opium argued that China could punish the British for importing opium by withholding rhubarb and tea; the barbarians could not live without them. Also their soldiers could not fight on shore because "their legs were too tightly bound to permit them to box or wrestle".

Hong Kong never made it to the top of Britain's list of political priorities until Chris Patten was appointed. Privately, Churchill wrote if off as not worth defending against the Japanese.

In 1946, the first post-war governor, Sir Mark Young, drafted a plan for a municipal council constituted on a fully representative basis, but this was consistently turned down. The colonial secretary, Oliver Lyttelton, admitted years later that this was because "the electorate of Britain didn't care a brass farthing about Hong Kong". Welsh thinks that this remains true, but he also reminds us that Chris Patten proposed a — partly — democratically-elected council last year; in 1946 the Chinese would have been in no position to object, as they do now.

But Welsh is right to point out a great truth, which lies behind Peking's current rage. The colony was indeed run for too long on authoritarian lines. But he adds: "There is no society in Asia that has enjoyed for so long as Hong Kong the freedom that democracy is commonly supposed to guarantee."

Divines who went over to Rome

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Edited by William Oddie
Everyman, £5.99 pbk

The achievements of John Henry Newman and Henry Manning are extraordinary by any standards. These two prominent divines in the Church of England, were both fellows of Oxford colleges. Both converted, on doctrinal conviction, to Roman Catholicism, and both men, often very different in attitude to their new church, became cardinals, Manning being made Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, in charge of the whole Roman Catholic Church in England.

And all was achieved in spite of the convert's biggest handicap, that he or she is regarded with suspicion both by those they have left and, more importantly, by those they join.

Newsome rightly detects that the characters of the two men did not significantly change after their conversions. Yet each man's emphasis was entirely different. Newman's intense devotion to the Church of England in the first half of his life and his conviction that conversion was an intellectual, scholarly and historical necessity, meant that his Catholicism was firmly English. Manning was more in sympathy with continental Catholicism, ultramontane in theory, ceremonial and forms of worship. G.K. Chesterton recalled him in later life dressed in his cardinal's robes "a ghost clad in flames . . . a conflagration of scarlet, such lakes of lake".

As Newsome explains, the temperamental differences, which necessarily led to friction between the two men, have accounted for much abuse of Manning over the years, and much panegyric of Newman. Sensibly, and with restraint, Newsome sets the record straight. It becomes clear that Manning was concerned with temporal power — he was a politician and a doer — wheres Newman was more concerned with thought and argument. Newsome comments that the pasage of time "will always favour the thinker rather than the doer of deeds".

To Manning the issue of temporal power, which caused him late in life, to lead the successful mediations in the London dock strike of 1889, was crucial. Newsome notes that to Newman, "it was a thing indifferent". Manning's cure of souls extended into their political activity; Newman, even though one of his Oratory's chief concerns was with the working families of Birmingham, was not interested in politics. Newman distrusted politicians, and perhaps this was his reason for reserve with Manning: and there is no doubt that Newman felt that Manning's manoeuvrings in Rome blocked temporarily his elevation to the cardinalate.

In his redress of the panegyric, Newsome is a little hard in his summary of Newman: "He nourished resentment far too deeply; he refused to take efforts at reconciliation at their face value; and a trust once broken was a trust destroyed."

The Convert Cardinals signals the return of David Newsome to the public arena of 19th-century church history after too long an absence. His style is eminently readable, his critical assessment of these two towering figures in Anglican and Roman Catholic religion, shrewd and exacting. Newsome resumes his place on the platform of learned and historical discourse to join Edward Norman and Sheridan Gilley, those other leading contemporary church historians.

Gladstone remarked of Purcell's infamous biography of Manning, "I have not been interested in it. I have been fascinated and entranced." It is no exaggeration to say the same of Newsome's balanced double biography.

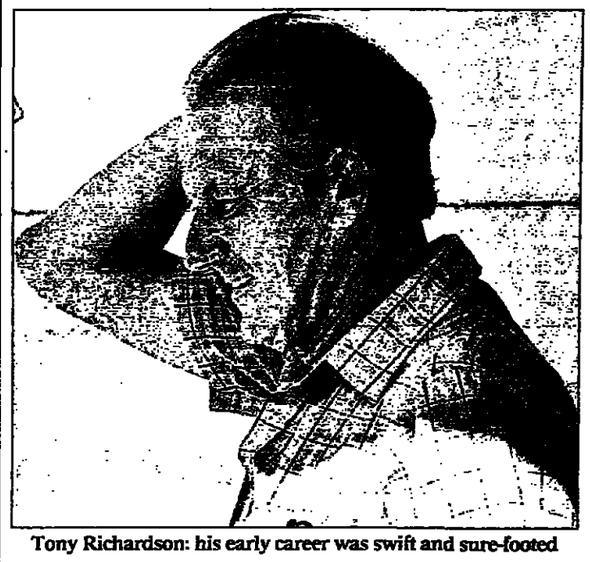
The rare quality of Newman's thought and argument is apparent in his *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, occasioned by Charles Kingsley's slur against him. In it Newman justified his life and faith, and William Oddie's new edition is an appropriate tribute to Newman's most important, most popular work. He has successfully restored its controversial basis, accompanies it with an elegantly informative introduction for the general reader, a chronology of Newman's times, and draws attention to Newman's "combination of intellectual verve, sardonic wit, and perfect control of tone and language".

Oddie describes the central part of the *Apologia* as Newman's "drama of the mind . . . his quest for the holy grail" and rightly judges that Newman was "writing as if for his life".

Brian Martin teaches at Magdalen College School, Oxford. His book, John Henry Newman: His Life and Work, *is published by Mowbray.*

Michael Church recalls two great figures of the post-war British stage and screen

Theatre in the family



Tony Richardson: his early career was swift and sure-footed

LONG DISTANCE RUNNER
A Memoir
By Tony Richardson
Faber, £17.50

ROBERT, MY FATHER
By Sheridan Morley
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £16.99

One by one, the grandees of post-war theatre yield their memoirs. Bit by bit, the landscape becomes clear, with the Royal Court as the well-spring at its centre. Bill Gaskill, John Osborne, and — posthumously — John Dexter have all given their version of the English Stage Company's invincible march through the theatre and on to the cinema screen. Now, in close and fascinating counterpoint to Osborne, we have Tony Richardson's posthumous testament, with a fiery introduction from Lindsay Anderson.

According to the author's daughter Natasha, *Long Distance Runner* was never intended for publication. She discovered the manuscript, badly typed and full of omissions, hidden at the back of a disused cupboard on the day her father died of Aids. He had apparently finished it six years earlier, at the time when he was diagnosed HIV-positive. She thinks that she and her sisters were his intended readership.

Yet the result is a work of singular power. From amateur dramatics (with Gaskill) in Shipley, via student drama at Oxford, to the heavy artillery at Sloane Square, and then on to cinematic triumph directing *Tom Jones* and *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, Richardson's chronicle reflects both the temper of his times and the swift and sure-footed quality of his early career.

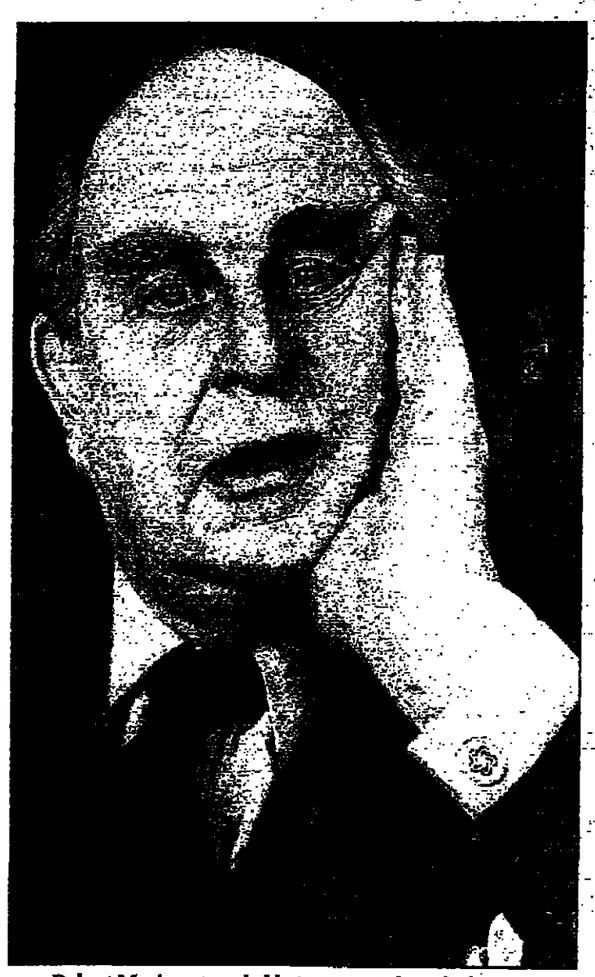
He has an unsleepingly observant eye, and an evocative turn of phrase. He casts Murray Melvin, with a face "like an Egyptian hieroglyph", opposite "that little hedgehog from Liverpool", Rita Tushingham. He nurses Hugh Griffith along, "part drunk, part amateur, wholly child".

He watches William Inge — the poor third in the triumvirate with Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller — constantly shy away from his own talent. He compliments Jean Genet on his professionalism, and realises too late his mistake: praise is the one thing the masochistic French playwright can't stand, so he quits the production.

Richardson's picture of Tallulah Bankhead on set, insisting on being rehearsed while sitting on the lavatory, or smearing her face with make-up and wiping her hands on the cleanest understudy's shirt, is hilariously revolting. Mick Jagger makes an inadequate Ned Kelly, but is still endearing. The Burtons, with their drunken tantrums, are emphatically not.

This tale, despite its increasing dalliance in idyllic places, winds up as an inward odyssey, with its culmination in — of all things — tennis. "Without my hours of self-knowledge on the court, I doubt I could ever have written this account."

But the self-knowledge is jealously guarded. We glimpse a series of conventional heterosexual love affairs (Jeanne Moreau among them), but we see only the presentable bits of his tangled relationship with Vanessa Redgrave. And he makes no reference to Aids, or anything which might have led to it. As both Anderson and Natasha Richardson point out, he carefully edits the truth. No matter. His "gangling, whiplash courage" — in John Osborne's affectionate phrase — leaves its mark on every page.



Robert Morley: stranded between two theatrical waves

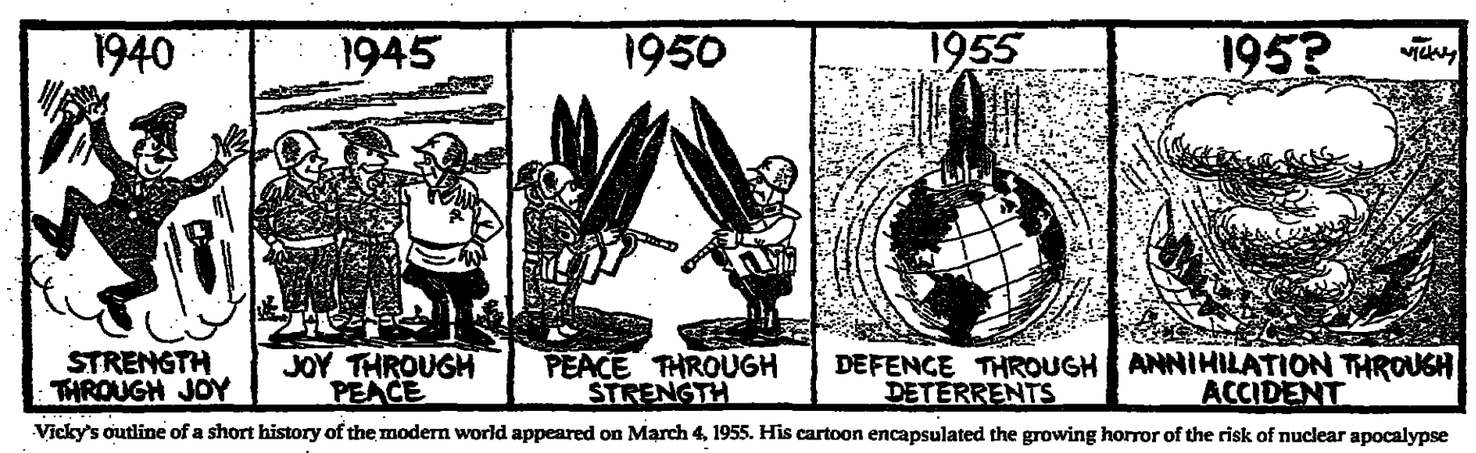
Robert Morley occupies a prominent place in Richardson's rogues' gallery, indicted for behaving like "a boorish prima donna" while filming *The Loved One*. In *Robert, My Father* the same episode is recorded, this time indicting the director for boorish wrong-headedness. Frankly, I buy the Morley line.

Sheridan Morley's book is a shining act of filial devotion. It offers a nicely analytical but inevitably partisan account of the career, and a rounded (well, what other shape could it be?) portrait of the man. This great boulevardier's professional misfortune was to be stranded between two theatrical waves. If Ben Travers had come back into fashion earlier, Robert Morley might have got his due as the consummate stage technician he was.

Bowling along in the Wildean bon viveur's wake, young Sheridan identifies so closely that his book feels at times like autobiography. The anecdotes are smoothed from countless retellings and embellishings, the tone is that of the after-dinner speech. But, as he admits, he never manages to discover what made his extraordinary father tick. That will require someone more detached, less mesmerised.

Living under the shadow of the bomb

Lawrence Freedman reminds us that the stability of the cold war era was bought at a price



Vicky's outline of a short history of the modern world appeared on March 4, 1955. His cartoon encapsulated the growing horror of the risk of nuclear apocalypse

The cold war is a convenient label for the years from the end of the second world war, when Winston Churchill observed an "iron curtain" descending across Europe "from Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic", to the lifting of that curtain in the exhilarating year of 1989, which concluded with the breach of the Berlin Wall and the downfall of the murderous Ceausescu in Romania.

Within Europe this conflict touched all aspects of life, as two opposing social systems sought to demonstrate their superiority, and prepared for the day when it might prove necessary to resolve their differences through force. Soon the conflict spread to Asia, providing the backdrop to bloody wars in Korea and then Vietnam. Few parts of the globe escaped. The cold war appeared to determine everything — from the functioning of the United Nations and the processes of decolonisation, to the development of the international economy and the rise of Japan. As a result, as Martin Walker notes, "The history of the cold war has been the history of the world since 1945."

However, more precise definitions are possible. The cold war can be taken as a drawn-out clash of ideologies or the culmination of 20th-century power politics. As a battle between two incompatible sets of ideas over how to run advanced economies, it can be seen to begin with the 1917 Russian revolution and only really to conclude with the collapse of the vanguard party after the failed Moscow coup of August 1991.

Yet in terms of power politics it most usefully refers to that period from the late 1940s to the early 1960s when a hot war between the superpowers was a distinct possibility and governed all aspects of their foreign policies. It was only after the moments of truth in Berlin (1961) and Cuba (1962) that the United States and Soviet Union realised that their mutual antipathy had to be contained within manageable limits.

In the early 1970s the prevailing mood of the *détente* was contrasted favourably with the former cold war. However, the heightened tension of the early Reagan years, with star wars and Euro-missiles, revived the idea of a potential hot war. Almost exactly a decade ago the whole Soviet security apparatus was searching for signs that the United States was about to launch a nuclear strike. After the fierce reaction to the shooting down of a Korean airliner on September 1, 1983, with American forces engaged in the Lebanon and Grenada and the Polish Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa, receiving the Nobel peace prize, Soviet agents paid special attention to a Nato exercise in the first days of November designed to test command co-ordination and procedures for Nato release.

The condition of the ailing Soviet leader Yuri Andropov confined to his kidney-dialysis machine was symbolic of the system over which he presided: the anxiety over Western intentions reflected not only the exaggerated rhetoric of Reagan but the growing sense of the sclerosis afflicting this supposedly revolutionary society.

This is one of many dramatic moments Walker recalls so effectively. He has written a thorough, perceptive and workmanlike book, with a wide range of sources consulted and little left out, but the result is rather dogged. It is a story involving a kaleidoscope of characters and crises, with the stars making cameo appearances in a succession of loosely-related incidents and complex sub-plots. With so much to pack in there is never quite enough space to set a scene, explore a personality or develop an argument.

Whatever the cold war was it certainly seems to have been survived. By contrast the past few years have seen great turmoil in the post-communist world. The sense of potential danger — "the shadow of the bomb" — with which the East-West encounter was described contemporaneously is now giving way to an almost nostalgic view of the cold war as a golden age of stability. If nothing else Walker's book reminds us that it contained many alarming moments when it was by no means clear that every crisis would be managed and that the long peace it did bring came at a price.

THE COLD WAR
By Martin Walker
Fourth Estate, £18.99

Peter Hoeg: his prose fuses the laconic and the poetic

Murder in the bleak midwinter

Miss Smilla Jaspersen is a physicist, sometime political activist, a single woman without lover or child, for whom "solitude is the light of grace". "I'm not perfect. I think more highly of snow and ice than of love. It's easier for me to be interested in mathematics than to have affection for my fellow human beings. But I am anchored to something in life that is constant . . ."

She lives alone in downtown Copenhagen, a dockland district populated by other Greenlander immigrants, the city's underclass. Daughter of an Eskimo hunter mother and a Danish anaesthetist father, Smilla's childhood was spent in a frozen landscape which has penetrated her spirit, her bones. She is, in the city, a loser, an outsider, a maverick with assorted causes, dismissed from assorted organisations, who finds, one winter evening, a cause like no other: a murdered child: "A child who is born is something to seek out, something to search for, a star, a northern light . . . A child who is dead is an abomination."

Isaac is fatherless, the son of a neighbour, Julienne, who drinks and neglects him. He is uncomplaining, often hungry, devouring to the bone the fish which Smilla sometimes gives him. He is afraid of heights. When his body is found in the snow, it seems a tragic accident — he was exploring the roof of the building; he slipped. But Smilla knows about snow, and she knows about Isaac, and his terrors. She sees footsteps, she works things out.

What follows is an extraordinary quest, filled with danger, violence and mortal dread. Addressing the reader in a deadpan present tense, in prose which electrifyingly fuses the laconic and the poetic, Smilla moves through a sinister city in winter. Light spills from doorways on to snow, dark figures appear at the end of unlit passageways, cranes tower over deserted demolition sites. Smilla, enraged and unrelenting, confronts corruption and concealment, finding an occasional gleam of goodness and, unexpectedly, almost in passing, love. But the redeeming power of sexual passion is not what this book is about. Hoeg is too original a writer to offer solution, or absolution: this is a metaphysical thriller whose themes include — let there be no mistake — the limitless power of evil.

Sue Gee

MISS SMILLA'S FEELING FOR SNOW
By Peter Hoeg
Translated by F. David
Harvill, £15.99

The book is divided into two: The City and The Sea. In the second, Smilla is on a ship bound for the Arctic ice-cap off Greenland. Where exactly are they headed for, amid this desolate beauty? Who, or what, is also on board? It is here that Hoeg continues to explore themes raised earlier: the exploitation of an innocent environment by the scientist whose knowledge we crave "because the world is inscrutable" but whose strivings are insignificant in the face of the terrible power of the natural world.

"There's too much resistance in the ice. It doesn't make any sense to try to conquer it . . . At this moment I can feel how the sea wants to close us in, how it's merely a coincidental, passing constellation of water, wind and current that allows us to continue . . ."

Hoeg was once a dancer. He knows about bodies. With the exquisite precision of both scientist and artist he exposes a secret erotic slit and the slit to the bone made by a gleaming scalpel. He is a radical, exploring through Inuit and European cultures the gulf between knowledge and intuition, experience and understanding, microscope and myth. In this, his second novel, he has, above all shown himself to be writer of real stature — admirably served by his English translator.

Standing tall for France

Churchill called him "the *Monster of Hampstead*" in 1942; Roosevelt called him "a nut". Yet, whatever the fury de Gaulle excited in his lifetime, his historical reputation is now on a level with all these detractors. In France he has become a national legend. A recent poll asking which Frenchman best represented the tradition of the French Revolution put de Gaulle far in front of the field — a paradoxical judgment upon a Catholic soldier of conservative disposition.

This fascination extends across the Channel as this book by the Labour peer Charles Williams demonstrates. It is the third to appear in English on de Gaulle in as many months. Williams hints in his introduction that current changes in Europe make a revaluation timely. While this might be true, his book does not really offer this. Rather it sets out to narrate the life and describe the man.

De Gaulle's three greatest achievements were, first, to ensure that France ended the war among the victorious powers and with its great power status recognised; secondly, to disentangle France from Algeria without either civil war or a military coup; thirdly, to provide France, for the first time since 1789, with an effective constitution which commands universal support. About the second two achievements there can be little dispute. Of the first, however, it could be said that the Western allies would anyway have built France up again after the war. Churchill claimed that "de Gaulle only makes faces at the Allies who are doing all the work". This was true, but only because de Gaulle, lacking the means to contribute to the war against Germany, directed his energy to ensuring France's interests were respected by the Allies — and rudeness was often his only weapon. If Roosevelt had had his way, liberated France at the end of the war would have been run by an American military government.

The two guiding principles of de Gaulle's career were the greatness of France — his "certain idea of France" — and the need for a strong state. Hence his lapidary comment on the president of France in 1940: "As chief of state he lacked two things. He was not a chief, and there was no state."

As for de Gaulle's "certain idea of France", it is possible to take the view that he exaggerated the influence of France and pursued an outdated nationalism, that ambitions for *grandeur* were delusions of grandeur. But in fact ambition was tempered by a strong dose of realism as reflected in his famous remark to Malraux: "My only rival is Tintin! We are the small who refuse to allow ourselves to be cheated by the big. Only no one notices because of my size."

It is precisely this combination of ambition and realism, of mystical 19th-century nationalism and 18th-century *raison d'état*, romanticism and classicism, which provides de Gaulle's fascination. Beneath the icy carapace there was, as Churchill observed, a deep capacity for suffering. The punctilious Catholic was haunted by Nietzschean despair.

Williams tells this story in an agreeable and readable manner. He does not claim major revelations, and the ground has often been covered before, but the English reader who knows nothing of the background, especially of the French context, will find that this book fills them in.

Williams views his subject with sympathy, though not uncritically. But he is too generous in his judgment of de Gaulle's supposed prescience regarding decolonisation: de Gaulle in the 1940s was determinedly imperialist. There is one bizarre linguistic howler which makes the title of chapter four — "Petain's chicken" — rather mysterious. De Gaulle was indeed described as the "*poulain* of Petain, but this word usually means a foal, in this case a protégé, and never a chicken.

Julian Jackson

THE LAST GREAT FRENCHMAN
By Charles Williams
Little Brown, £25

Possessed by the devils of envy

Although the cold war may be over, some of its engagements are still being fought with unabated ferocity. One of these is the affair of Alger Hiss, the State Department official and secretary-general at the founding conference of the United Nations, who was disgraced and imprisoned after being accused of spying for the Soviet Union.

Hiss, who is 89 and has long outlived his accuser, Whittaker Chambers, always denied the charge of treason. Now new evidence has emerged to support him. Last November, a former head of the Soviet intelligence services, General Dmitri Volkogonov, announced that "never and nowhere" had Hiss been recruited as a Soviet agent. Nor could he find evidence that Hiss was a party member, unlike Whittaker Chambers who was a member of the American Communist Party in the 1930s.

Further, the Russians could find no proof that Chambers had ever, as he claimed, been engaged in espionage activities on behalf of the Soviet Union. This finding will have come as no surprise to Miss Worth, whose entire thesis is based on the belief that Chambers was a liar and a fantasist.

Worth concludes that Chambers suffered an intolerable burden of envy towards the able, handsome and successful Hiss, who became the vehicle for the expression of his paranoid fantasies, shaped in part by an unhappy childhood, the suicide of his younger brother, his expulsion from university, and his homosexual proclivities. She calls to her aid extensive exegesis of the works of Dostoyevsky, plus Chambers's own autobiographical writings and translations (he rendered *Bambi* from the German), the evidence he gave to the Un-American Activities committee and to individuals in the US government, and his public testimony on oath in the course of Hiss's two trials for perjury.

There is independent evidence that Chambers was obsessed by Dostoevsky's life and his writings. His own descriptions of the spy network he allegedly ran in Washington in the 1930s paralleled in an extraordinary way the revolutionary group described by Dostoevsky in his novel, *The Possessed*, a book he read many times. Indeed Worth has uncovered numerous examples in Chambers's descriptions of his own life which echo Dostoevsky to the point of plagiarism.

In this book Hiss himself has only a walk-on part in the central drama of his accuser's troubled life. Tantalisingly, because certain records are still withheld, Worth strongly hints that Chambers did not die of a heart attack but — like Nicholas Stavrogin, the part-hero, part-villain of *The Possessed* — took his own life.

Peter Paterson has interviewed Alger Hiss and written about his case. E.J. Worth's book is available by post from 46 Sussex Court, London W2 1JF.

Peter Paterson

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
The Secret Confession
By E.J. Worth
Mazzard Books, £9

Sublime India in plastic shoes

Realising that the youthful innocence and enthusiasm that forms the core of their relationship will inevitably dissolve within the confines of their local opportunities, two men set out to build a life in Hong Kong. The Englishman Timothy Marquand, and his American friend, Daniel Drews, believe that there "vows could be fulfilled by sheer willpower" and "the Chinese scurry like there is no tomorrow". Tomorrow is exactly what these men would avoid, and they combat it with elastic nights and endless beer in Marquand's dark rooms, where the spirit of their student days in London is enshrined.

To share their precious hedonism, Drews finds a Japanese wife, the inscrutable marble-faced Miki, and Marquand, an Oriental catamite, and together they successfully establish a new journal, *Orientweek*. While Drews realises his journalistic potential by throwing himself into it, Marquand becomes increasingly sensitive to the approach of the future ("an icy, airless peak"), and proceeds to drink himself to death. His liberated spirit declares itself the narrator early in the novel, an unnecessary device which is mercifully kept to a minimum in the telling of this tale.

With the death of his friend, Drews himself begins to flounder. His relationship with his wife has soured since the breakdown of a curious sexual triangle between themselves and a young Filipino. He is also in danger of losing his magazine, as two loathsome shysters, Nick and Fran Naversen, are plotting to sell *Orientweek* to *Time*. To do so, they require the signature of a depraved old man, Evan Olcott.

Olcott lures Drews to India with the promise of Marquand's diaries, and then reveals to him the seamy underside of India, the thousand headed snake. Drews's innocence equips him to see India as a child might, to absorb the images without seeking to invest each with a spurious spirituality. In India Drews becomes Christ in the desert, the ultimate innocent, who suffers to understand the values and the limitations of his innocence, and leaves empty-handed.

It is Drews's personal odyssey that keeps us on our toes, rather than the empty gymnastics of the plot surrounding the siege of *Orientweek*. This journey of innocence is delivered appropriately with a stilted schoolboyish candour, and unwieldy classical metaphors.

Despite this occasionally tedious style, the book remains a refreshingly honest piece of work. It is a heartfelt warning that even those who come to India unburdened by preconceptions, not looking for the exotic, may simply end up hitting their heads against a wall of tawdry images. "That's India, my boy," says Olcott. "The great surface. Durable. Extremely durable. Plastic shoes — did you notice, by any chance the popularity of plastic shoes?"

Sunetra Gupta

THE THOUSAND HEADED SNAKE
By Anthony Spaeth
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £14.99

Paradise lost but not regained

Ann Oakley's latest novel is an essay in the pastoral genre, that idealisation of rural life which has often been linked with myths of a golden age, when men and women lived in harmony with nature. Its heroine, Flora Penfold, leaves her smart London life to find Edenic bliss in the country: her cottage garden even has statues of Adam and Eve and a dangerous apple tree.

Predictably Flora discovers the serpent. Fifteen years earlier, a nearby reservoir had flooded whole villages, obliterating the personal histories of their inhabitants. Ever since the human fertility of the region has plummeted as though the careless destruction of the past makes it impossible to move foward into the future. In Flora's village, women of childbearing age are subjected to cruel hoaxes and relationships have gone awry: there is incest, transvestism, wife-beating and, finally, murder.

Oakley seems very wary of the emotive power of her themes: creativity, continuity, paradise and its loss. Her dry, objective narrative keeps the characters at a distance throughout, except in the lyrical passages which give the novel its resonance. In her evocations of the submerged villages, she eloquently conveys the desolation of irrevocable loss and her exuberant descriptions of the countryside skilfully suggest "something pre-modern, anti-rational and magical" at its heart.

Yet Oakley seeks rational, modern explanations. She introduces a *diabolus ex machina* to account for events which had their own internal dynamic. The superimposed solution is not only redundant but trivialises all that has gone before, draining the story of its timeless implications and making it depend on quirky, particular circumstances.

Again, the imagery is not allowed to speak for itself but is exhaustively expounded by Flora's mentor, the village psychoanalyst, who cites Freud, Jung, Karen Horney et al to validate symbolism which had worked perfectly well on a tacit, intuitive level. Hammering it home in this way makes it appear academic and artificial; it also introduces a rift between thought and feeling which is especially damaging in a novel about primal unity.

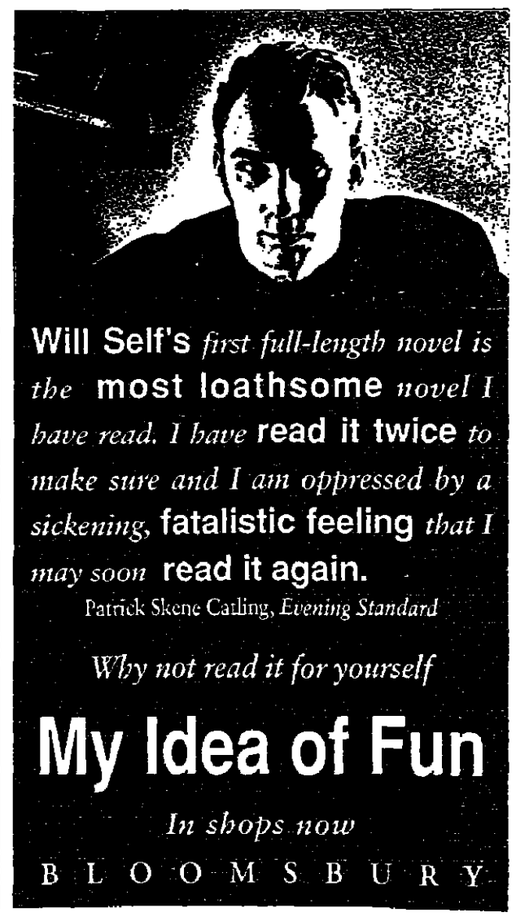
The pastoral genre declined during the Romantic period, when Keats warned against an "irritable straining after facts and reason". Oakley could have profited from this: her novel does seem to have "a palpable design upon us" which neutralises its power.

Karen Armstrong's The End of Silence: Women and Priesthood *is published next week by Fourth Estate.*

Karen Armstrong

SCENES ORIGINATING IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN
By Ann Oakley
HarperCollins, £14.99

Oakley: pastoral idyll torn between thought and feeling



MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Ways of developing potential at the sharp end of industry are explored in a special report by **Rodney Hobson**

Leading the world in training

MARTIN REDDALL

Sir Bob Reid at London Bridge after a bomb blast last year. He believes that good management can reduce the impact of a catastrophe and protect company assets

It is just five years since Sir Bob Reid, now chairman of British Rail but then plain Mr Reid of Shell, called a meeting to launch an initiative to improve the quality of British management.

He had the backing of organisations such as the British Institute of Management and the Confederation of British Industry, but, nonetheless, he was surprised at the general reaction. "The response was remarkable. We filled the hall," he says. "I said I wanted to take the whole debate forward and to get rid of the animosity that was being created in management education."

The basic problem was that management training was almost entirely in the realms of educational theory. There was no real measure of how managers were performing their roles and there was a desperate need for practical qualifications.

From that meeting in 1988 was born the Management Charter Initiative (MCI). At its heart is a belief in the importance of competent management and a commitment to providing an equal opportunity to all managers and supervisors to develop their potential.

It is a non-profit-making organisation, funded by subscriptions from private and public sector organisations, sales of products and services to members and others and through contracts with government departments. It has an annual income of more than £2 million and its 1,300 members, drawn from the private, public and voluntary sectors, represent a quarter of Britain's workforce.

Its national forum brings together all those interested in management education and development: chief executives and human resource specialists from commerce and industry, higher education institutes and business schools, bodies that award qualifications, professional institutes and government representatives.

MCI's purpose was not to carry out training itself, but to put in place the right conditions for managers to take advantage of training opportunities and achieve relevant qualifications.

The initiative was formed against a backdrop of low levels of investment in management development and a corresponding concern that poor management was at least partly responsible for the UK's disappointing business performance compared with international competitors.

MCI's first real study into UK management training and development activity revealed some alarming statistics. One-fifth of the largest UK companies had carried out no management training in the previous 12 months. Indeed, one in three managers had had no training since starting work while four out of five had no degree or professional qualification.

Sir Bob, as chairman of MCI, says: "The picture has changed dramatically. An increasing number of organisations are recognising the importance of education and training, particularly where it is work-based. Management development now has a much higher place on the corporate agenda."

Andrew Summers, MCI's chief executive, says: "In future, companies are going to find that many more qualifications are needed. To get jobs from other businesses they will have to show that the people working on the project have proper job qualifications. A more qualified workforce — and that includes a more qualified management — is an essential part of winning contracts. That is happening all over the world so unless the UK is up to scratch, we are going to miss out.

"The DTI has identified that one of the factors needed to maintain UK competitiveness is management performance."

Mr Summers says that MCI has also placed great stress on demonstrating a link between management development and profit, efficiency and quality. He says that while 90 per cent of companies pay lip-service to management training, saying that it is money well spent, only half put good intentions into practice.

"We are trying to close the gap between the rhetoric and the reality," he says. "The recession has forced management to focus on performance much more sharply. There is less money around, but in general there is an increase in management development activity. Despite recession, or maybe because of it, companies have recognised the need to get managers working better. Most companies now have fewer layers of management so they have to ensure that the remaining managers are that much more efficient."

Sir Bob says: "The growing sophistication of technology and intensifying competition are placing ever-increasing burdens on managers. The managers of tomorrow will no longer be people who have mastered one discipline as the passport to a lifetime's career.

"The changing aims of the organisations for which they work will require them to be learning continually. They will need to be more skilled at self-assessment, measuring their own performance against the organisation's objectives.

"The move from rigid hierarchies to more open and flexible structures will require these new managers to be leaders of teams rather than links in a chain of command. Future managers will need to be all-rounders, better equipped to respond to customer needs."

MCI's objectives are achieved nationally through local networks. There are at present 70 playing a valuable role in promoting management development in general and MCI's activities in particular.

The networks organise events, send out newsletters, offer advice and guidance and provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas, responding to the needs of local employers.

Accommodation and administrative support is provided by local organisations with an interest in improving the performance of managers in the area, such as training and enterprise councils and chambers of commerce.

MCI's role in training has been so successful that it has attracted attention of other countries which want to copy the initiative.

Mr Summers says: "We are unique. There is a lot of interest in the United States, with President Clinton looking at the issue. New Zealand has also looked at what we do and I have been asked to speak in Kuwait.

"We can only help so far, because we want to ensure we make the UK better than the rest of world."

"We have built the framework for self-development," Sir Bob says. "Now we have to help managers to reap the benefits, not only for themselves but for the organisations as well. Success, to date, has been in getting companies to realise that investment in management development is fundamental if we are to compete on an equal footing with our international counterparts.

"Success will depend on a commitment to continued investment in, and monitoring of, management development and skills in organisations throughout the UK. Our work has only just begun."

SIR BOB REID: THE MCI MAN WHO THINKS THAT MANAGERS ARE MADE, NOT BORN

Look for executive ladders to climb

SIR BOB REID was motivated by the gap he saw between educators and managers. The growth of MBA courses since the 1960s had dealt with theory but not sufficiently with practical experience of working at the sharp end of industry and services.

"The importance of training the supervisors is demonstrated by the fact that a growing company very quickly reaches the stage where it is more worried about its liabilities than its assets," he says.

"When you consider the Clapham rail crash, the King's Cross Underground fire, the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the Free Enterprise ferry ... you see how dependent a company is on the people who are handling the crisis. The quality of the action taken by the people at the scene affects how much the assets are at risk. Good management at that level can minimise a catastrophic event."

"I wanted to see the integration of the workplace and the classroom. What managers need is experience of handling people, organising things and building up personal effectiveness. They all need hands-on management experience if they are ever going to be chief executives."

There is no need for a manager to start at the very bottom, performing chores such as brewing the tea, provided, he says, the manager has grassroots experience.

"They do have to manage and organise groups of people," he says. "There is no escape from that. In a way, that's the fun bit in the climb up the executive ladder."

Sir Bob is anxious to keep the training and assessment of managers as simple and unbureaucratic as possible. "Management is about communication, organisation, managing the money and managing information systems," he says. "Once you have these skills in place, you can manage. What we must not do is complicate matters."

The manager has to be effective, but he or she does not have to be a leader on the scale of Nelson or Montgomery.

"MCI has defeated the myth that managers are born and not made," he says. "Basically, managers are made. I am prepared to accept that leaders are born, but even a successful leader needs a manager."

HE SAYS management skills apply irrespective of the type or size of the business. The public field is just the same as private enterprise. Nor does he accept that potential managers regard bodies such as British Rail as the poor relations of the private sector.

"We have recruited better people over the past two or three years than we have done in the past," he says. "We have had a clearer idea of what we must do and we have sold very hard the point that we have an excellent management trainee programme. Railways offer enormous experience in front-line management. Managers can find themselves running a busy commuter station in three years. There are lots of potential problems to solve in handling 500,000 commuters a day. "It is a super front-line job, with lots of decision-making. British Rail has invested in people as much as in assets and that is coming through."

Sir Bob feels there is more realism now about the value of MBAs and how to get the best from them, with more managers getting a few years' experience of helping to run an enterprise before taking a course.

"We also find the graduates are not coming in thinking they already know it all," he says. "We find they have tended to work in groups on their courses so they have a lot of interpersonal skills. They have a better understanding of how to get people to work."

ON THE employers' side, he sees a greater emphasis on training needs and a realisation that the chief executive cannot perform to his best if he does not have competent people around him. The only way to ensure that is to have them properly trained.

Sir Bob hopes that improved access to training will help relationships with the unions and their members.

"The workforce must be shown that the company is prepared to pay for quality and if an individual improves his performance, he is paid more," he says. "When people realise they can enhance their performance and there is a ladder they can climb, that will be a very positive influence. It will revolutionise the environment that people work in."

Become a better manager

Training brings improved efficiency

A survey conducted by independent researchers for the Management Charter Initiative showed that 62 per cent of those interviewed could point to clear business benefits such as improved efficiency, higher productivity and better profits as a result of training their managers.

To press home the point, MCI is organising a "be a better manager week" next month. The target is companies that have not taken part in the initiative.

If the trial-run is a success, the week, introduced to mark MCI's fifth anniversary, will become an annual event. The aim was to get at least four national organisations to take part. The first to sign up is the Magistrates Court Service.

Network offices have also been recruiting thousands of local companies to join for the week of October 25 to 29.

Andrew Summers, MCI's chief executive, says: "We realise we are taking a chance going for companies that have not used our material before. We are asking them to nominate at least 25 managers to work through at least one of our checklists, which we have made as easy to use as possible."

The checklists — contained in an information pack available from MCI — are based on the national standards of best practice developed by MCI and already used by

Andrew Summers, the chief executive of the MCI

more than 12,000 organisations in recruitment and identifying where training is needed.

The programme is linked to BS5750 and forms the basis of national and Scottish vocational qualifications, the certificates of competence for managers at middle, first line and supervisory levels.

MCI says firms must be specific about the benefits they are seeking and identify a small group of managers who will benefit from using the standards.

On cost control, managers will be told to make every member of the team aware of how they can help to control costs by considering areas where costs could be reduced. Team members will be made aware of budget limits and asked to keep accurate and complete records of expenditure. They will also be encouraged to make recommendations to improve efficiency. Managers will be asked to set clear objectives for their staff and to check that they are being achieved.

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Putting the profits into people

Companies setting out to ensure that staff are professionally qualified are finding they are better able to endure recessionary pressures

Insurance relies heavily on people, so it is no surprise to find that Tony Miller, training officer at Frizell Financial Services, is one of the keenest advocates of management training.

Frizzell is one of Britain's biggest insurance brokers, offering personal financial planning and banking services, and employing 1,600 people in Bournemouth.

Mr Miller joined in 1991, when Frizzell embarked on a Management Charter Initiative (MCI) programme. He says: "We realised that as a company we had strong technical expertise. But it was gained at the expense of formal management training. We wanted to ensure that all staff were professionally qualified as well."

He admits that most managers were "not best pleased" with the proposal to give them formal training. One told him: "I am an experienced manager and I don't relish the prospect of jumping through management hoops."

But once the programme started, all the managers saw the benefits.

Hamish McKay, the chief executive, says: "I don't think it is possible for management accountants to give us an accurate financial measurement of the advantages of our MCI programme. I do know I expected at least half a million pounds worth of benefit from it. I approved the programme on that expectation and I'm certain it was the correct decision to take."

Operating in an intensely competitive market, Frizzell increased profits 40 per cent last year and is investing 10 per cent of the money in training. It employs four trainers and calls on 12 in-house specialists. Last year, 67 per cent of management staff were taking formal courses leading to NVQs and this year the figure rose to 85 per cent.

The company intends to give staff the power to deal with 95 per cent of customer enquiries at the first point of contact, an objective that will demand further training for two-thirds of the staff. Mr Miller says: "During recession, businesses ask themselves how they can cut costs. They think of training first, instead of making themselves better able to cope with recession and move forward."

Bichard: keen on support

Equally enthusiastic but within the public sector is Michael Bichard, chief executive of the Benefits Agency. He says: "If we are to do better, it requires above all for staff to be valued, for staff to be involved and for staff to be given the support, the skills and the competence to succeed."

The social security department agency was started in 1991. With offices in most towns throughout the country, its activities involve paying a wide range of benefits and pensions. The agency has this year launched NVQ schemes. The 1,700 taking part are the lucky ones. Another 4,000 would have taken part had there been enough resources to train them all at once.

The agency has backed a masters degree in social security management at York University and takes part in an MBA course at Birmingham. It hopes to extend this programme to the southeast next year.

Mr Bichard says: "Public-sector training has not been targeted at business needs. It has not been persisted with or made available to everyone. Privatisation and market testing has encouraged people to see the value of training.

"The demand for training has always been there, but it has been latent.

"There are not enough skilled managers in the Civil Service because it has been dominated by policymakers rather than managers. We need to find good managers and train them.

"You do not have to make a profit for management training to be relevant. Performance is more difficult to measure, but managers in the public sector are increasingly being held to targets."

Response from staff shows it is not only the management candidates themselves who improve their performance. Staff outside the current programme pick up methods and checklists from colleagues who are involved and can put them to practical effect.

Quality is the strength

Efficient management depends on the capability of supervisors who have to see that the work is done

MCI has reached a watershed. Having concentrated its efforts on ront line management, it is ow ready to concentrate on aising standards in the high- r echelons.

It was appointed by the overnment in 1990 as the ody responsible for the devlopment of national stanards of performance for all anagers and supervisors. nitially, it created and tested eneric standards for first line anagers and middle manags, then moved on to supervisory managers. Standards for enior managers and quality anagers have been developed over the past few months. ll standards are continually eappraised.

Sir Bob Reid, MCI's chairman, felt it was important to tart with the lowest strata of anagement rather than oardroom executives. "I anted us to concentrate on where the numbers are, not on the elite," he says. "Management depends totally on how the activity is handled at the coal face. The quality of management depends on the strength and capability of the supervisors who see that the work is done."

Andrew Summers, chief executive of MCI, agrees. "We have concentrated on the forgotten managers, the ones who have been given least training," he says. "Yet they are the ones who have most idea of whether the company runs well or not."

The process of creating a standard is complex. It involves extensive research, asking detailed questions of thousands of managers to identify the key roles, the levels of performance employers expect and the knowledge, understanding and levels of effectiveness managers need to perform competently.

The management standards framework is based on four key functions: managing operations, finance, people and information. It measures how well a manager performs a range of specified tasks within each function.

Mr Summers says: "They form a model of best practice. Our management standards are accepted nationally as benchmarks for assessing competent performance. They are a crucial tool in improving management effectiveness. Many companies, both large and small, are seeing the benefits of formalising management performance." He says the standards can help to link individual performance with company objectives, to draw up job descriptions and to implement quality programmes. They can also form the basis of appraising staff for promotion.

"The concept of crediting competence was developed and refined over a two-year test period at 13 pilot centres," he says. "It differs from traditional methods in recognising that performance in the workplace is as important as knowledge and understanding.

"The major benefits of national and Scottish vocational qualifications are that candidates are assessed on performance at the workplace and not on examinations."

He sees the training that MCI encourages as complementary to the MBA courses. "A lot of management training is ad hoc on the job, but there is a whole variety of ways to learn over the lifetime of a manager," he says.

"They need to work on projects, perhaps do voluntary work. Often activities outside the organisation can be good in improving a young manager's skills, with opportunities for greater responsibility. As Simon Pring, a solicitor, discovered, voluntary work can also provide a fast track to the top. Managers need to know what to aim for.

"There has not been, until now, any way of putting everything together into an overall picture to compare standards and identify the gaps in their experience."

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Simon Pring, a solicitor enjoying broader responsibilities of voluntary work at Oasis Children's Venture garden

A QUICK GUIDE TO BOSSES

Matters of style

MANAGERS are often not as good as they think they are — at least, not in the eyes of their staff. When Hay Management Consultants undertook a study for the Trent Regional Health Authority, it looked at a range of management styles, from "do it the way I tell you" to "I'll do it myself".

Hay found there were pros and cons of all the management styles, which included:

● **Coercive.** Telling subordinates what to do without giving them the chance to argue is effective in a crisis. The coercive manager expects immediate compliance, is ready to criticise and motivates by threats of discipline or punishment. The drawback is that in the long term the subordinates rebel, become passive and lack personal initiative. Or they leave.

This method of managing is useless where staff need to take the initiative or innovate, such as with higher-level technical and professional staff in research and development or sales organisation.

● **Authoritative.** Giving directions tactfully but firmly goes down well with subordinates if the person giving the orders is an expert or has status. The authoritative manager listens to other people's ideas but leaves no doubt as to who makes the decisions. This type of manager fails if he or she stifles subordinates or does not have the status to carry off the role.

● **Affiliative.** Bosses who put people first and tasks second are ineffective when subordinates are inadequate, failing to give clear direction.

● **Democratic.** Allowing subordinates to participate in decision-making is all very well with competent staff but in a crisis there is no time to discuss options.

● **Pacesetting.** The do-it-yourself manager provides little sense of direction and subordinates are given little scope to develop.

● **Coaching.** The manager helps or shows subordinates how to improve their performance and develop professionally. This fails if the manager lacks expertise or if subordinates are not good enough to work without direction.

How business can benefit from training

A survey has found that efficiency and productivity are improving

Despite the harsh economic climate, organisations are trying not o sacrifice their training programmes, a survey conducted y BMJ Research and Consultancy has found.

Clear business benefits, including higher profits, were eported by 62 per cent of ompanies that paid attention o management training. The urvey was carried out on ehalf of the MCI with funding from the department of mployment.

The percentage of companies with a formal system of anagement training was 53 per cent, compared with 51 per cent in a similar survey in 1992. Larger employers are still more likely to develop their managers — three-quarters of those employing more than 500 staff said they had a training programme, while only 47 per cent did in the 21 to 100 employees band.

BMJ interviewed 510 companies in an identical cross-section to the 1992 survey and asked the same questions. The aim was to examine the levels of management training and development being undertaken and to understand attitudes towards training.

It found that organisations with a training programme had stepped up the amount of training and many intended a further extension.

The survey showed a considerable shift in the perception of the benefits from training management and supervisors, with a substantial increase in those spontaneously mentioning improved efficiency or productivity (up from 37 per cent to 47 per cent), better motivated staff (up from 10 per cent to 25 per cent) and improved quality of work (up from 8 per cent to 24 per cent).

On the negative side, however, the survey showed that 47 per cent of organisations still do not have formal management training schemes. The main reason is that companies believe that they are too small, an excuse put forward by 42 per cent compared with only 33 per cent in the 1992 survey. An increasing number, 25 per cent compared with 20 per cent in 1992, claimed that staff are trained on the job.

Others believe they already employ ready-trained staff (13 per cent, down from 14 per cent), or they do not believe that training is necessary.

Surprisingly, only 10 per cent complained that management training was too costly.

The survey concludes that: "Staff training and development is progressively being seen as a mainstream business activity."

MANAGEMENT/TRAINING BENEFITS

Year	1992	1993
Number in sample	536	510
Main mentions:		
Improved efficiency/productivity	37%	47%
Better qualified staff	31%	27%
Better motivated staff	10%	25%
Improved quality work	8%	24%
Greater company profit	10%	12%
Improved communication skills	6%	10%
Better awareness of company needs	6%	9%
No real benefits	6%	5%
Any mention of:		
Improved efficiency/quality/profit	47%	62%

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RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

Problems presented by Peking bid expose inadequacies of Olympic administration

IOC likely to be found wanting on judgment day

David Miller on the quandary facing the delegates who will choose the host city for 2000

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) stands on the brink of the most critical decision it has had to make. It could be a decision which, should subsequent events turn out adversely, might destroy the Olympic Games and the IOC itself. Three boycotts were survived a decade ago. The IOC might not be so lucky again.

The alarm here in Monte Carlo is that not all the IOC members are alert to the dangers; and that the relatively amateur administration of this body is incapable of damage limitation, if the expected election today of Peking as Olympic host city for 2000 does happen, against the inevitable worldwide public perception of irresponsibility.

This perception is unfair on the Chinese people, as opposed to the intransigent, totalitarian Chinese political leaders. There is a difference.

The IOC was exposed to unrestrained global criticism in 1990 when it elected Atlanta, rather than Athens — widespread favourites for 1996, as inaugural hosts of the modern Olympics a century before — and was then unable to deliver justifiable, coherent reasons why it had done so.

The truth was votes against Athens had precipitated an Atlanta victory, far more than supposed manipulation by the Atlanta-based Coca-Cola company. The IOC was unable to demonstrate that Athens was not only far from technically the best bid, never mind the sentiment, but carried high-risk elements in security, pollution, government instability and finance.

This time, the IOC may be condemned for accepting the high-risk candidate, Peking, which is, like Athens, third or fourth-placed on technicalities, behind Sydney, Manchester and Berlin, and, additionally, carries the burden of China's ignominious human rights record.

How, it is argued, predominantly by non-sporting authorities and media who have little if any regular contact with sport, let alone the IOC, could the IOC possibly select Peking?

The IOC members are polarised in their views about China, good and bad, and this philosophical difference was echoed by, for example, yesterday's *International Herald Tribune*, in which two writers, A. M. Rosenthal and Ian Thomsen, separately considered the evils and virtues; Rosenthal arguing that a Peking Games would be a mockery. Thomsen hesitantly trying to understand China's claims that it should be given a chance.

> **How, it is argued, by non-sporting authorities could the IOC possibly select Peking?**

Like a number of questioning, sincere IOC members, I am in a quandary, agreeing with both Rosenthal and Thomsen, both respected, sensitive writers. I abhor China's treatment of political prisoners, yet simultaneously have dozens of sporting Chinese acquaintances who are the essence of modesty and sincerity, of open opinion about the problems of their nation, and who believe in the possibility of giving real substance to Peking's slogan that "A more open China awaits the Games of 2000".

Having talked with these people, ever since I first sat down to dinner with 5,000 guests in the People's Great Hall at Tiananmen Square, on the Republic's 35th anniversary, alongside dignified octogenarians who had been on the historic Long March towards China's longed-for liberation from centuries of feudalism, I am now embarrassed when I find myself obliged to criticise the clumsy errors of their political leaders imposed upon their Olympic committee. Yet was this not last year the country nominated "most favoured nation" by the United States?

I remember the Games of 1980, when the British team rejected the opportunistic stance of President Carter and Margaret Thatcher, who urged a boycott, and competed in Moscow; and I remember the oppressed yet happy girls in the cafes, and the regimented squaddies glad to take their caps off and have a chat and a cigarette in the back of a bus, and how young people were glad that the Olympic world had come to their country because it put them in touch with reality.

So will the IOC really be morally irresponsible if it awards the Games to Peking, and seemingly gives a signal of indifference to political prisoners and the certificate of approval to geriatric leaders? Or will it be offering a ray of optimism to millions of youngsters who know what is the potential for their freedom in the 21st century, who ignore domestic political propaganda, and long to expand their horizons? Today, not some time in the future, it needs a wiser man than I to find the answer.

What I do know is that awarding the Games to Peking would carry enormous risks because of the unpredictable behaviour of China's political leadership over the next seven years, risks that could produce problems beyond the control of the Chinese government, never mind the IOC. An honest analysis today is that the IOC is inadequately equipped to make the judgment facing it.

STUART CLARKE/REX

Peking, favourite for the 2000 Games, has given the Olympic movement a dilemma because of China's appalling human rights record

Guide to the bidding cities and vote details

Peking

The leading political, financial and cultural centre of China with a population of almost 11 million. An Olympic summer would probably be hot and humid. July is the warmest month with an average temperature of 79°F/26°C.

Enormous risks of taking Games behind Bamboo Curtain, but massive economic rewards could prove irresistible. Considered favourite, although Atlanta boycott threat was big tactical blunder. Outside political pressure on IOC members not to vote for Peking on moral grounds may have hardened their resolve to back bid.

Peking's desperation shown in China's timely release of political prisoners and promise of international investigation into its human rights record. Seventeen facilities require modification and eight will be built if the bid is successful. Fourth in order of presentation, first after lunch. Betting: 4-7.

Sydney

The oldest and largest city in Australia with a population of 3.5 million. Average winter temperatures in Sydney during September are 64°-70°F/16°-20°C. One-time front-runner, with technically unsurpassed bid and glamorous setting.

Despite offer of free travel for all athletes and officials, can do nothing to allay fears about problems of distance from rest of world. Brash campaigning style toned down in Monte Carlo.

Eight facilities require no modifications, three do. Three are under construction, seven are to be built and a further four are dependent on a successful bid. Second in order of presentation. Betting: 2-1.

Manchester

A city in the vanguard of the industrial revolution has grown to a population of 2.5 million people. It has a damp climate, but over the past ten years, on average two days of rain in July and one in August. Average summer temperatures are a little over 64°F/16°C.

Excellent, compact bid, but facing image problems. Main hope seems to lie as compromise choice. Five existing facilities do not require modification, ten need modifying, two are under construction and five are dependent on a successful bid. Third in order of presentation. Betting: 7-2.

Berlin

The largest city in Germany with a population of more than 3 million. The city, 115ft above sea level on the banks of the River Spree, has summer temperatures of 65°F/18°C.

Many Berliners would rather forget the city last hosted the Olympic Games during the height of Nazism in 1936. Bid hamstrung by hostile opposition at home and by recent rise in neo-Nazi movement. Excellent facilities (six require modification, 12 have to be built and seven are dependent on victory) but suspect financial base.

Has played the "unification" card in Monte Carlo, stressing special credentials to host historic Millenium Games four years since Berlin Wall came down. Challenger to Manchester for European votes. Will be first to make its hour-long presentation today. Betting: 20-1.

Istanbul

Formerly Constantinople and ancient Byzantium, the city is the largest in Turkey, straddling the Bosphorous between Europe and Asia. The site has been occupied for more than 2,500 years.

The city is home to 7 million people and has summer temperatures of 77°F/25°C. Pollution problems, poor human rights record of Turkish government and only one venue up to Olympic standard, make their chances bleak. Thirteen facilities are dependent on the *bid* being successful and four are in construction.

Not being taken seriously. Selling point has been its unique setting. With Berlin, should be one of the first two cities to fall in the voting. One for the future. Will complete the presentations today. Betting: 66-1.

Details

Each presentation delegation will comprise six official representatives, plus the country's own IOC members, four technical support crew and 100 observers. The IOC enquiry commission will present its report at 4pm and the vote is scheduled to begin one hour later. The announcement ceremony will begin at 6.30pm with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, scheduled to announce the result at 7.20pm. BBC2 will have live coverage of the announcement from 7pm.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

Dickins Limited
Registered number 518953. Nature of business: Other Wholesale Trade classification: 15 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9th September 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: TSB Commercial Finance Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: JJ Schapira, ACA and K P Barry, FCA (office holder nos: 5784 and 5741) of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF

Insolvency Act 1986
In the High Court of Justice Number: 1266 of 1993
In the matter of
HADLEY CANNON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
I, Jacqueline B Stephenson of Latham Crosley & Davis, 7 Kendrick Place, London W1H 1FF HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed as liquidator of the above company by the creditors
It is not proposed that a meeting of creditors is summoned at this stage for the purpose of determining whether a liquidation committee should be established, but I must draw the creditors' attention to the provisions of Section 141(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, whereby a meeting of creditors for that purpose shall be summoned if required by one tenth in value of the creditors
All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the company must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the company must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proof of debt to me.
Dated this 15th September 1993
Jacqueline B Stephenson,
Liquidator

LEND LEASE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to the Companies Act 1985 Section 175 that at the annual general meeting of the above named company ("the Company") convened and held on Wednesday 22 September, 1993 a special resolution was passed.
1 approving the redemption of 9,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each of the Company at par
2 authorising the payment of £9,000 000 out of the capital of the Company
The statutory declaration of the directors of the Company and the auditor's report required by the Companies Act 1985 Section 173(5) are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at York House, 7th Floor, 23 Kingsway, London WC2B 6UJ
Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following Wednesday 22 September, 1993 apply to the court under the Companies Act 1985 Section 176 for an order cancelling the resolution or for other relief.

Red Lion Garage (Barnes) Limited
Registered Number: 0943143. Trading Name: Red Lion Garage (Barnes) Limited. Nature of Business: Motor Traders. Trade classification: 19. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 16 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Phillip Rodney Sykes and John Roger Hill (office holder nos: 6119 and 5737) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RADSTRACKS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 4th October 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FCPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 20th day of September 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G. Oliver, DIRECTOR

Shoretool & Plant Hire Limited
Registered Number: 02067464. Trading Name: Shoretool & Plant Hire Limited. Nature of Business: Hirers of Construction Equipment. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: J R Hill and R G Mullins (office holder nos: 5737 and 7258) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

Shoreline Marine Limited
Registered Number: 02180748. Trading Name: Shoreline Marine Limited. Nature of Business: Yacht repair, cranage and storage Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc, Joint Administrative Receivers: J R Hill and R G Mullins (office holder nos: 5737 and 7258) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

Shoreline Blasting Limited
Registered Number 01534404 Trading Name: Shoreline Blasting Limited Nature of Business: Demolition and Blasting Contractors. Trade Classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers 14 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc, Joint Administrative Receivers: J R Hill and R G Mullins (office holder nos: 5737 and 7258) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

Shoreline Developments Limited
Registered Number 02377804 Trading Name: Shoreline Developments Limited Nature of Business: Building and Construction Trade Classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc, Joint Administrative Receivers: J R Hill and R G Mullins (office holder nos: 5737 and 7258) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

Shoreline Engineering Limited
Registered Number: 02083491 Trading Name: Shoreline Engineering Limited. Nature of Business: Marine Civil Engineers. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc, Joint Administrative Receivers: J R Hill and R G Mullins (office holder nos: 5737 and 7258) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

Shoreline Haldings Limited
Registered Number 01280522 Trading Name: Shoreline Holdings Limited Nature of Business: Holding Company. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14 September 1993 Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc, Joint Administrative Receivers: J R Hill and R G Mullins (office holder nos: 5737 and 7258) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
B & S SURFACING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at Lopping Hall, 189 Loughton High Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4LS, on Thursday 7th October 1993 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also given, pursuant to Section 99(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Messrs. Shuttleworth & Company, 9 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex RM1 2JT on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting.
Dated this 16th day of September 1993.
By Order of the Board
Mr R Bryan Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
HUNDHILL LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of Hundhill Limited will be held at The Dales Suite, Forte Post House Leeds/Selby, Junction A1/A63, South Milford, Near Leeds on the 1st day of October 1993 at 10.00am. The Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the Joint Administrative Receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 15th day of September 1993.
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
GALLERY LE SHON LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of Gallery Le Shon Limited will be held at The Dales Suite, Forte Post House Leeds/Selby, Junction A1/A63, South Milford, Near Leeds on the 1st day of October 1993 at 12.30pm. The Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the Joint Administrative Receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 15th day of September 1993.
R Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

Shoreline Construction Services Limited
Registered Number: 02067465. Trading Name: Shoreline Construction Services Limited Nature of Business: Fire Protection. Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc, Joint Administrative Receivers: J R Hill and R G Mullins (office holder nos: 5737 and 7258) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH.

The Insolvency Act 1986
KENT FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 16th September 1993.
Dated this 21st day of September 1993.
M R Dorrington, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
DIMENSIONAL PRINT LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 16th September 1993.
Dated this 21st day of September 1993
M R Dorrington, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
GRIFFSTOCK (Cheshire) Manufacturers) Limited
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric Sheppard of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 14th September 1993.
Dated this 21st day of September 1993
M R Dorrington, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
G C M. Limited
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 14th September 1993.
Dated this 21st day of September 1993.
M R Dorrington, Liquidator.

No: 1993 - A - 30370
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF ATREUS PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 14th September 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Birmingham for the confirmation that the sum of £6,033,692.93 standing to the credit of the share premium account of the above named Company be cancelled.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Right Honourable Sir Donald Nicholls sitting as a High Court Judge in the Chancery Division at The Courthouse, 4 Newton Street, Birmingham on 12th October 1993
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition shall be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this Seventeenth day of September 1993
Eversheds Wells & Hind
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham B3 3LX
Solicitors
for the above-named Company
Ref: DNB/SE/26
Tel:021 233 2001

The Insolvency Act 1986
MAINSTREAM COLLECTIONS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that T J Roper of T J Roper & Co., Barbican City Gate, 1-3 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8NA and E W Sheppard of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Joint Liquidators of the said Company by the members and creditors on 27th August 1993.
Dated this 21st day of September 1993.
T J Roper and E W Sheppard,
Joint Liquidators

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE ROYAL ASSOCIATION IN AID OF DEAF PEOPLE
Notice to Subscribers
Notice is hereby given that the 152nd Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at St Saviour's Centre for Deaf People, 1 Armstrong Road, Acton, London W3 7HN on Saturday 23 October 1993 at 11.30am.
Subscribers wishing to attend will receive the necessary papers (including the official invitation) upon prompt written application to:
The General Secretary
RAD
27 Old Oak Road
London W3 7HN

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Huntley and Palmers Benevolent Fund
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DG-228610A/1-CDrLda3l

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Sarah Isabella Eadge Plummer
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number MR-228160A/1 CDrLda4l

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, a quarterly dividend of eight cents (8c) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares was declared, payable on October 29, 1993, to holders of record at the close of business on September 27, 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
D.J. BRESDAN
VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
CALGARY, ALTA.
SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

MAXIM'S LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 82nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place at 12 noon on Friday 8 October 1993 at Espace Pierre Cardin, 1 Avenue Gabriel, Paris 8ei, France. All proxies received at the Company's Head Office at 5 Rue Royal, Paris 8ei, France, or the Registered Office at Berry House, 20-22 Worple Road, London SW19 4DH, not later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting will be accepted.
DATE: 22nd September 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.Y.R. Strover FCA
Secretary
Berry House 20-22 Worple Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4DH.

SPORTS LETTERS

Caddies perform as their masters' voices

From Mr Dennis Heaton

Sir, Mr Kingsley Fielding's letter (September 16) about the behaviour of caddies at championship golf tournaments seems to have missed the mark, or he has not been attending the same tournaments as I have.

Caddies have to call for order and quiet because stewards and officials are not doing their job properly and caddies wish to give their man the best possible conditions in which to play his shot or putt, particularly the latter. Golf crowds, over recent years, have become less orderly and considerate to players, yet the pressure on players has become more intense.

Many caddies are characters and part of the golfing scene. Who could have imagined Jack Nicklaus without Jimmy when he played in Europe? Bernhard Langer and Peter Coleman have been together for years, and now Mr Fielding is criticising Fanny Sunesson for looking after Nick Faldo's best interests.

They all work tremendously hard to look after their employers and they have significant money at stake, so it is not unreasonable that they should try to ensure that there are no distractions while a shot is being played.

It is not a delusion of grandeur, it is part of doing the job. Being a professional caddy is hard work, day in day out. Let them have their bit of glory and recognition for the work they do.

Yours faithfully,
D. L. HEATON,
Mill Lodge,
Horsham St Faith,
Norwich.

From Mr M. Charlesworth

Sir, Mr Kingsley Fielding objects to caddies calling for no photographs. People like caddies and stage hands, he feels, should not be concerned, with misconduct on the part of a *paying customer*.

I cannot agree. The whirr, click and flash of cameras can be a menace on the golf course (as in the theatre or moving behind the bowler's arm at cricket), unsettling the concentration of players and greatly irritating other onlookers. Anyone — official, caddy or stage hand — who can curb such annoying behaviour deserves thanks.

While the player's eyes are on the ball, the caddy can see the raised camera. In discouraging it, he speaks with his master's voice, authority and importance. And it is too late just to wait and see, and complain afterwards.

More power to Fanny's substantial elbow!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHARLESWORTH,
45 Monsom Lane,
Repton,
Derby.

Referees need more backing

From Mr A. C. Warner

Sir, I read with much sadness of the suicide of the Football League linesman, Frank Martin (report, September 18).

Several times the Football Association has suspended referees from fulfilling their appointments before the charge against them is heard. They would not dare to do this to players; they can play until their case is dealt with.

It is yet another example of the FA's heavy-handed approach to a group of men who have no backing in the game.

A few seasons ago, the FA charged Alan Robinson, a former Cup Final referee, with bringing the game into disrepute after he spoke out about "cheats" in the game.

The Football Association is in danger of bringing itself into disrepute.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. WARNER,
32 Caister House,
Roman Way, N7.

Preventing crime

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, The feature on rugby's rehabilitative role at Feltham young offenders prison (September 15) called to mind the late director of the National Playing Fields Association, Bob Satterthwaite. He held that inner-city crime would diminish when physical, competitive sport among young people was encouraged, and vice versa.

This was emphasised three years ago by David Robins's report, *Sport as Prevention: The Role of Sport in Crime Prevention Programmes Aimed at Young People* (Oxford University Centre for Criminological Research).

A logical consequence would be for government to introduce mandatory rate reliefs for all non-profitmaking clubs, which would be ready to provide coaching facilities comparable to the Feltham scheme and would thereby qualify for charitable status.

Crime prevention through physical education is a valid social need. Which government minister or department is ready to pick up this ball?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
4 Paper Buildings, EC4.

Female handicap

From Mr Stuart Benstead

Sir, Women competitors in the Bupa international triathlon at Bath protested at being given only 13min 39sec start advantage over the men. After it was raised to 15min 22sec, Carol Montgomery, of Canada, beat Simon Lessing, the British 1992 world champion, by 33sec (reports, September 17 and 20).

In cycle time-trialling the national women's record for 25 miles (the same distance as at Bath) is held by Beryl Burton at 53min 21sec, set in 1976. It was then only 2min 31sec slower than the men's record by Alf Engers, who is regarded as one of the all-time greats at this distance.

At 12 hours Burton broke the men's record in 1967 with a distance of 277 miles 25 yards and sports scientists produced evidence that in stamina events women should be able to match men much more closely.

The gap at 25 miles is now 6min 2sec, between Burton's 1976 record and Chris Boardman's 47min 19sec last year. But Boardman is well above average and regularly rode 25-mile time-trials as preparation for his Olympic gold medal, whereas Marie Purvis, arguably now the top woman, concentrates more on road racing (ie, stamina events).

Mixed-gender cycle racing is not unusual and Burton regularly beat 95 per cent of a men's field of 120 competitors in time-trials without benefit of a handicap. It is perhaps social history (and therefore *numbers competing*) rather than physical limitation that holds women back.

Yours faithfully,
STUART BENSTEAD,
1 Brackendale Close,
Hounslow, Middlesex.

Prolonged break

From Mr E. C. Edge

Sir, There was a statistical curiosity on the third day of the county cricket championship match between Kent and Glamorgan at Canterbury last Saturday: all three intervals between innings were taken on the same day. While probably not unique, this must be even more uncommon in a four-day than in a three-day match. It would be interesting to know the last instance in this country.

Yours faithfully,
E. C. EDGE,
64 Laverton Road,
Lytham St Annes,
Lancashire.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They must include a daytime telephone number.

MATCHES PLAYED 18TH SEPTEMBER 1993
LITTLEWOODS POOLS
THIS WEEK'S TOP WINNERS
SATURDAY JACKPOT FROM SUNDAY BOARD £858,625
EARLY TELEVISION SPECIAL LIVERPOOL £423,368
LAST BRADFORD SPECIAL LEICESTER £411,185
EARLY MAN £410,452
LAST MAN £423,426
TREBLE CHANCE, Mark 22+ Pts. NO CLAIMS WITH 21+ Pts. TOP DIV. FOR Over, 12 Pts.
22 Pts £418,385.15
21½ Pts £4,867.05
21 Pts £495.15
20½ Pts £90.70
20 Pts £17.55
19½ Pts £6.85
19 Pts £1.48
4 DRAWS £76.45
10 HOMES £615.70
5 AWAYS £109.10
Expenses and Commission 4th September 1993 - 28 Pts.
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Financial dispute casts cloud over Whitbread Round the World Race

Women may miss start after legal challenge

Sally Jones and **Barry Pickthall** look at the troubled preparations an all-women crew have endured before embarking on one of sport's toughest challenges

PETER TRIEVNOR

Nance Frank takes the helm of her yacht, US Women's Challenge, during preparations for the Whitbread Round the World Race in Southampton

Nance Frank, skipper of US Women's Challenge, the only all-women boat in the Whitbread Round the World Race, which starts from Southampton on Saturday, was trying to put on a brave face last night over the legal challenge that could scupper her chances of taking part.

Rob Stephens, a former boyfriend of Frank's, claims that he and four other creditors, including one of this year's scheduled crew, Debbie Dempsey, are owed more than $53,000 after Frank's abortive attempt to compete in the last race four years ago when she crossed the starting line only for lack of finance to force her out immediately.

Stephens is threatening that, if the money is not paid, he will take out an Admiralty writ against her. Under this process, a writ would be nailed to the mast and the action could leave the boat impounded at the quayside when the rest of the fleet sets sail on Saturday afternoon. It would not be released until Frank's syndicate either pays the amount claimed or provides alternative security until the case is heard in court.

Frank claims that Stephens has no legal case because only one of the creditors has a promissory note and he refuses to take any action against her. But she admits that if a writ were served, it might prevent them starting on time.

John Britten, a spokesman for the solicitors, Blake Lapthorn, confirmed last night that Frank's syndicate had not settled the claims by the agreed deadline and that he was waiting for instructions from his clients.

"It's so silly that anyone could be so silly after so many people have worked so hard on this challenge for so long," Frank said. "We have said all along that we have agreed to repay all loans to the 1989 challenge in stages and, if we don't cross the starting line, we'll forfeit a lot of money already pledged and never pay our creditors back.

"We can't use any of the money donated this time round to pay old bills because it's illegal, but we do intend to pay it off. It would be a tragedy if we couldn't start, because this boat is carrying the hopes and dreams of 10,000 supporters who have given or pledged money. We have more than 100,000 children waiting to ask us questions about the world during the race.

"I've sunk every penny and seven years of hard work fund-raising to get to this stage. All I own is a 1983 Toyota while my mother, a retired schoolteacher, has given us most of her savings too. If they do try to make us provide a bond, we almost certainly couldn't find the money in time."

Supporters of her cause to raise the status of women sailors around the world rallied to her aid yesterday. "The phone has been ringing all day from sponsors and friends asking us 'What can we do to help?'," Frank said.

In the chaotic office beside Hamble Point Marina, amid the shrilling telephones and bleeping faxes, Frank's hair frames a heavily-tanned face. She looks out of her element. The faraway look in eyes surrounded by a cross-hatching of fine white lines from years of screwing her face up against sun and wind tells the story.

"I just can't wait to be out there again," she said, forgetting her immediate problems. "I'm not a man-hater, but beating the men would be the biggest thrill of my life. On the Trans-Atlantic race in July in which we eventually came third in our class, we were ahead of the America's Cup skipper, Dennis Conner, for four days and we felt high as a kite with the sheer pride of it."

At 44, Frank, from Florida, is the eldest of her cosmopolitan 12-woman crew, which includes half-a-dozen Americans, a New Zealander and two British yachtswomen. Between them, they possess a formidable range of ocean-racing experience and the Finnish "winch wench", Mikaela Von Koskull, was a crew member on the British all-women entry, Maiden, in the last Whitbread race in 1989.

Frank acknowledges the extraordinary achievement of Tracey Edwards and her crew, who sailed home to a heroine's welcome, but says she is determined to surpass their achievement. "Maiden took a great step forward and helped to advance the cause of women's sailing amazingly through all the publicity they generated, but they were sailing a ten-year-old boat," she said. "This will be the first time that women have competed in a new boat, a purpose-built 60-footer, on equal terms with the men.

"Last time around, we actually got to the starting line and crossed it, still waiting for the call to let us know whether we would get the $140,000 we needed as the last instalment on the boat. The company which had promised us the money pulled out at the last moment so we had to drop out, which was incredibly frustrating.

"This time, we've got enough to compete, with the money from sponsorships and public subscriptions — $1.9 million to date and still fund-raising — but still not enough to be competitive." That would require around $3.4 million, she estimated. "Our only hope of paying off the creditors from the last challenge, which include myself and my mum, is for us to start the race and gather more sponsorship as we go round."

She went on: "We need more top-quality sails for example and we're permanently hungry with an allowance of $1.25 per person per meal since the start of the campaign six years ago. Just reading some of the letters we have had makes it worthwhile."

It is this sort of encouragement that Frank believes will help them through the toughest stages of this massive feat of endurance and tactical skill. She feels that, despite their relative lack of size and physical power, her crew has an inner strength to compensate.

"Women are good at endurance — especially nine-months events like this one," she said. "Two of the crews are mothers by the way, they're good on patience too — vital in The Doldrums. Yes, there's a bit of bitching and when you're all exhausted and on your beam ends, small things loom very large, but it's just like sisters really — we know one another well enough to have a good scream and make up afterwards."

Sue Crafer, the crew medic, a 26-year-old physiotherapist from Essex, said: "Any all-woman boat is full of strong personalities. They wouldn't be there at all unless they had fought and won a lot of battles on the way. You have to learn not to hide problems or friction but talk it out and defuse potential flashpoints. When we're in such dangerous situations we really learn to trust each other with our lives and that produces an amazingly close bond.

"I've just been at Chichester Hospital learning to stitch wounds, brushing up on resuscitation and basically trying to learn in two days what doctors do in six years. At sea, it could make the difference between life and death."

According to Von Koskull, the hazards and exhaustion produce a corresponding high at the end of each leg. "Last time, aboard Maiden, the southern ocean was the toughest leg. There was so much tension and there were awful times like when we discovered the radar wasn't picking up icebergs and we were zipping along at 20 knots. Look-out duty at the mast was cold, dark, gruelling and frightening; we were on shifts of four hours on and four hours off and with the foul weather gear taking 20 minutes to put on, our sleep was reduced. But we kept going.

"Once we hit Fremantle, after all the tension and pressure, we just wanted to let our hair down and celebrate. It was great to see the guys from the other boats again because, in spite of the competition during the race, the Whitbread fleet was just one big team in port, all of us knowing we'd been through the same amazing experiences."

Frank broke off to talk rapidly and persuasively into a chirruping mobile phone, for the umpteenth time selling herself, her crew and their dreams of ocean-going glory to another potential backer. "To a lot of the other teams, this is mostly a commercial event but to us it's simply the greatest adventure." It remains to be seen whether the five creditors in the United States see it that way.

FIRST-CLASS CRICKET AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

Qualification: six completed innings

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
I C Boon	14	23	4	1437	164*	75.63	9	2	10
M E Waugh	16	25	6	1361	178	71.63	4	9	18
R Martyn	12	15	3	838	136*	69.83	4	3	9/1
R Waugh	16	21	8	875	157*	67.30	3	2	7
J Barnett	18	24	5	1223	168	64.36	5	5	6
W J Athey	17	30	5	1600	137	64.00	5	9	16
A Gooch	19	35	3	2023	159*	63.21	6	14	13
L Hooper	16	24	2	1304	236*	59.27	3	6	22
L Hayden	13	21	1	1150	151*	57.50	3	7	9
P Wells	18	27	2	1432	144	57.28	6	5	20
W Gatting	16	24	4	1132	182	56.60	3	6	14
A Hick	18	30	2	1522	187	54.35	4	7	23
S Curtis	18	32	3	1553	127	53.55	5	8	14
Hussain	20	35	5	1604	152	53.46	7	7	16
J Slater	17	28	4	1275	152	53.12	4	8	6
E Morris	18	29	1	1461	229	52.17	5	8	8
E Emburey	17	21	7	730	123	52.14	2	5	18
J Bailey	18	30	5	1282	200	51.28	2	9	15
A Ealham	12	16	3	666	85	51.23	—	8	3
R Pollard	19	32	3	1463	180	50.44	3	9	26
P Speight	13	22	1	1009	184	48.04	3	5	10
P Crawley	20	34	3	1474	187*	47.54	3	8	11
A Richards	17	32	6	1235	224*	47.50	2	7	17
P Terry	19	33	2	1469	174	47.38	4	7	15
Carr	17	24	6	848	192*	47.11	2	3	39
Smith	17	29	2	1253	191	46.40	4	4	8
Border	16	21	3	823	200*	45.72	1	4	15
Brown	19	34	3	1382	150*	44.58	3	4	18
Maynard	19	32	1	1378	145	44.45	3	7	22
Robinson	18	30	4	1152	139*	44.30	3	7	13
Atherton	19	32	1	1384	137	44.00	3	9	14
R Gallian	11	19	3	702	141*	43.87	2	3	5
Cairns	15	23	1	962	93	43.72	—	9	8
Rollins	7	13	4	392	85	43.55	—	2	5/1
Benson	15	23	2	913	107	43.47	3	6	8
Bowler	17	29	3	1123	153*	43.19	2	7	13
Hodgson	14	27	2	1079	166	43.16	2	7	9
Bicknell	19	35	2	1418	190	42.97	4	8	11
Jong	18	27	5	943	116*	42.86	2	6	13
Lapple	8	13	7	256	109*	42.66	1	—	—
Moxon	19	33	2	1317	171*	42.48	1	9	9
nson	16	27	1	1099	187	42.26	5	3	7
Taylor	15	25	2	972	124	42.26	3	4	25
ower	16	28	1	1136	153	42.07	4	5	11
tewart	16	28	1	1094	127	40.51	2	8	34/2
amb	16	28	1	1092	172	40.44	2	6	13
rown	18	24	6	725	88*	40.27	—	5	38/6
ans	19	35	2	1326	134*	40.18	5	6	18
richard	19	36	3	1319	226*	39.97	4	7	15
le	20	38	1	1472	214*	39.78	3	7	12
Haynes	15	24	4	793	115	39.65	2	4	8
Moles	19	34	3	1228	117	39.61	2	8	2
J Aymes	19	29	11	709	107*	39.38	1	5	34/5
Greenfield	8	12	3	353	107	39.22	1	3	5
J Hollioake	5	9	0	352	123	39.11	1	2	4
Watkinson	19	30	4	1016	107	39.07	2	4	9
J Harden	18	32	3	1133	132	39.06	3	4	33
Larkins	17	30	3	1045	151	38.70	3	5	24
R Ramprakash	17	24	1	883	140	38.39	2	5	17
A Healy	16	20	7	499	102*	38.38	1	3	42/11
Bainbridge	19	32	2	1150	150*	38.33	2	7	7
B Love	18	26	3	956	153*	38.24	2	4	19
J Lenham	12	22	1	799	149	38.04	2	5	3
D Lloyd	18	31	2	1095	116	37.75	2	5	12
Fordham	17	29	1	1052	193	37.57	3	6	12
J B Lewis	13	24	4	736	136*	36.80	1	5	15
C J Nicholas	18	29	4	918	95	36.72	—	6	8
...im Malik	15	27	2	917	132	36.68	2	3	12
A Felton	18	30	2	1026	109	36.64	2	7	16
M Smith	15	23	1	802	150	36.45	1	4	18
A Reeve	17	28	7	765	87*	36.42	—	5	22
O Cake	11	19	6	472	108	36.30	1	3	5
P Thorpe	17	31	2	1043	171	35.96	3	5	17
J Speak	21	35	2	1185	122	35.90	1	8	11
A Cottey	19	34	5	1039	105	35.82	2	8	14
Evas	13	33	3	1073	156	35.76	1	9	21
R Montgomerie	9	14	1	462	109	35.53	1	3	5
B T Lovell	8	13	2	389	114	35.36	1	1	8
J Rhodes	18	27	3	848	101	35.33	2	2	40/7
R Benson	6	7	0	243	153	34.71	1	—	13
B Richardson	14	23	1	759	112	34.50	1	6	9
White	19	32	6	895	146	34.46	1	4	14
V Fleming	18	29	4	826	100	34.41	1	6	8
Penney	17	29	6	788	135*	34.26	1	4	10
Whitaker	18	28	1	925	128	34.25	1	4	9
C Broad	18	34	0	1161	131	34.14	2	7	6
P Ostler	19	34	3	1052	174	33.93	1	6	20
R Pringle	14	22	4	610	76	33.88	—	6	11
Stephenson	17	32	2	1011	122	33.70	2	4	20
N Lathwell	17	31	1	1009	132	33.63	2	4	19
Keller	5	9	0	301	95	33.44	—	4	4
Fairbrother	18	31	4	901	110	33.37	1	4	11
G Hughes	14	12	3	299	71	33.22	—	2	3
Russell	19	33	7	863	99*	33.19	—	5	56/7
Boon	18	29	1	921	110	32.89	2	6	8
Dessaur	7	10	0	325	104	32.50	1	2	2
Dr...	6	9	0	291	66	32.33	—	3	4
Mendis	18	34	0	1099	105	32.32	1	7	5
Folland	17	30	3	872	108*	32.29	2	4	13
Curran	16	23	4	612	91	32.21	—	5	6
C Weston	13	21	2	610	113	32.10	2	1	6
Lewis	15	24	2	705	247	32.04	1	2	10
Rose	17	29	2	865	138	32.03	2	2	10
Newport	17	26	6	630	79*	31.50	—	6	8
Ward	19	30	1	903	141	31.13	2	3	12
Roseberry	16	25	4	685	185	31.13	1	2	12
Metcalfe	10	16	1	467	133*	31.13	1	3	2
Alleyne	18	34	2	994	142*	31.06	3	2	11
Saxelby	12	18	0	558	77	31.00	—	5	5
Gupte	9	16	3	397	61	30.53	—	1	3
Hayhurst	14	23	1	669	169	30.40	2	1	7
D L Hemp	10	19	2	508	90*	29.88	—	5	4
P W G Parker	19	32	1	924	159	29.80	3	3	13
G F Archer	6	9	2	208	59*	29.71	—	1	5
G R Haynes	9	13	0	383	158	29.46	1	2	3
J D Ratcliffe	19	34	0	999	101	29.38	1	6	12
V J Wells	15	23	2	602	167	28.66	1	2	11
R J Blakey	19	32	2	859	95	28.63	—	5	41/5
S P James	16	30	1	826	138*	28.55	1	4	17
P J Martin	16	21	7	399	43	28.50	—	—	2
J A North	7	11	3	228	114	28.50	1	1	2
T J G O'Gorman	14	21	3	511	130*	28.38	1	2	9
F D Stephenson	14	21	2	538	90	28.31	—	3	5
N R Taylor	16	26	2	679	86	28.29	—	4	4
C J Adams	18	30	0	843	175	28.10	1	7	16
D W Randall	5	10	0	280	98	28.00	—	2	6
M A Garnham	17	29	4	694	106	27.76	1	3	34/5
K D James	17	29	4	694	71	27.76	—	4	5
D M Ward	13	22	1	580	151*	27.61	1	3	6
S Hutton	10	17	0	469	73	27.58	—	2	8
D G Cork	16	24	2	606	104	27.54	1	4	12
P N Hepworth	8	13	1	328	129	27.33	1	1	1
M A Butcher	6	11	3	218	66*	27.25	—	1	4
N E Briers	12	19	1	487	79	27.05	—	3	2
L Potter	12	17	2	404	103*	26.93	1	1	12
T H C Hancock	16	29	2	723	76	26.77	—	4	5
S A Marsh	19	27	2	667	111	26.68	1	4	57/4
P J Hartley	13	21	6	400	102	26.66	1	1	3
A W Smith	14	23	2	560	68	26.66	—	3	7
R D B Croft	20	34	7	718	107	26.59	1	2	12
R S M Morris	8	14	0	372	92	26.57	—	2	14
G Fowler	14	24	0	633	138	26.37	1	3	7
C J Tavaré	13	25	1	628	141*	26.16	1	2	22
N A Foster	8	12	3	235	37	26.11	—	—	1
I T Botham	10	17	1	416	101	26.00	1	3	8
J W Hall	9	16	1	390	114	26.00	1	1	6
T C Middleton	12	22	0	571	90	25.95	—	5	13
G I Macmillan	9	14	1	336	63	25.84	—	3	5
B P Julian	13	17	6	284	66	25.81	—	2	7
J A Daley	13	22	0	563	79	25.59	—	3	7
D P Fulton	7	13	1	307	75	25.58	—	2	11
P Moores	19	27	4	583	85*	25.34	—	2	40/5
G J Parsons	18	23	7	405	59	25.31	—	1	11
D A Leatherdale	11	16	2	354	119*	25.28	1	2	18
R K Illingworth	18	24	8	401	58	25.06	—	1	7
N A Mallender	13	16	6	250	46	25.00	—	—	1
I Fletcher	7	10	1	223	65*	24.77	—	2	1
M A Lynch	15	28	1	666	90	24.66	—	3	28
Wasim Akram	13	21	0	516	117	24.57	1	1	3
A C H Seymour	7	11	1	237	54*	23.70	—	1	—
S P Titchard	5	10	0	237	87	23.70	—	2	1
M P Bicknell	12	19	2	398	57	23.41	—	2	9
H S Malik	9	13	3	234	64*	23.40	—	1	6
P J Berry	9	14	4	232	46	23.20	—	—	3
K P Evans	10	14	4	231	55	23.10	—	1	9
M J Weston	7	13	1	277	59	23.08	—	2	3
M E D Jarrett	8	13	1	277	51	23.08	—	1	3
N D Burns	13	23	2	479	102*	22.81	1	2	36/4
P A Nixon	19	28	6	501	113*	22.77	1	3	42/6
G R Cowdrey	12	21	0	478	139	22.76	1	1	7
C L Keey	10	16	1	341	111	22.73	1	1	4
A P Grayson	10	17	0	386	64	22.70	—	2	6
N V Knight	7	13	0	295	94	22.69	—	2	15
R M F Cox	6	10	1	204	63	22.66	—	1	4
W K Hegg	21	34	9	566	69*	22.64	—	2	49/9
P R Reiffel	13	9	1	181	52	22.62	—	1	3
W K M Benjamin	9	13	0	294	88	22.61	—	2	14
N Shahid	7	13	1	270	69*	22.50	—	2	9
C M Tolley	18	24	7	381	78	22.41	—	2	8
S K Warne	16	15	4	246	47	22.36	—	—	8
D Ripley	18	24	6	398	62*	22.11	—	3	52/4
R I Dawson	9	17	1	350	58	21.87	—	1	12
I D K Salisbury	16	23	5	390	63*	21.66	—	2	11
R J Turner	6	10	1	195	70	21.66	—	1	14/3
D W Headley	14	20	7	281	36	21.61	—	—	9
D B D'Oliveira	15	24	0	513	94	21.37	—	3	12
S G Hinks	12	24	1	482	68	20.96	—	3	10
A C Cummins	16	26	2	502	70	20.91	—	4	6
G Charlesworth	10	15	3	250	49	20.83	—	—	3
D A Graveney	19	28	14	289	32	20.64	—	—	12
S D Udal	19	27	2	509	79*	20.36	—	2	8
P E Robinson	18	29	3	526	71	20.23	—	3	21
C A Connor	10	11	1	200	58	20.00	—	1	3
B N French	17	24	3	420	123	20.00	1	1	40/5
G W Mike	8	13	1	240	50	20.00	—	1	3
Mushtaq Ahmed	16	25	0	498	90	19.92	—	3	15
R P Lefebvre	19	28	3	484	50	19.36	—	1	11
M J Vandrau	15	23	2	404	58	19.23	—	2	6
M A Feltham	16	19	4	288	73	19.20	—	1	4
M A Crawley	10	18	2	306	81	19.12	—	1	8
S R Lampitt	16	25	2	438	68*	19.04	—	2	22
P D Atkins	7	12	0	228	62	19.00	—	1	4
R I Alikhan	4	8	0	149	41	18.62	—	—	1
F A Griffith	11	14	0	257	56	18.35	—	2	4
A E Warner	12	14	1	238	95*	18.30	—	1	4
M Keech	6	10	1	164	95	18.22	—	—	5
P A Booth	7	11	3	144	49*	18.00	—	—	4
R J Scott	5	10	0	179	51	17.90	—	1	1
M D Marshall	13	18	2	280	75*	17.65	—	1	3
J Wood	9	17	3	250	63*	17.85	—	1	2
N M K Smith	18	26	2	420	51*	17.50	—	1	2
D J Capel	5	8	2	102	54	17.00	—	1	1
A J Wright	11	21	2	322	75	16.94	—	1	8
P A Smith	10	16	0	253	55	16.86	—	1	3
K A Parsons	5	9	1	134	68	16.75	—	1	3
P A J DeFreitas	21	31	3	465	51	16.60	—	1	15
R W Sladdin	9	11	3	131	51*	16.37	—	1	2
C W Scott	14	24	3	343	64	16.33	—	2	27/4
K M Krikken	13	18	4	227	40	16.21	—	—	22/5
G W Jones	10	16	1	241	45*	16.06	—	—	1
I Smith	6	12	0	192	39	16.00	—	—	6
P W Jarvis	9	14	1	207	78	15.92	—	1	1
N M Kendrick	12	20	5	237	41	15.80	—	—	6
R D Stemp	16	23	6	265	37	15.58	—	—	11
R S Yeabsley	10	13	4	138	36	15.33	—	—	5
R M Wight	7	11	1	152	54	15.20	—	1	7
C E L Ambrose	13	15	2	197	38	15.15	—	—	3
G J Kersey	12	20	2	272	38*	15.11	—	—	34/3
C A Walsh	14	21	3	266	57	14.77	—	1	4
C P Metson	20	31	8	338	25*	14.69	—	—	50/4
B F Smith	11	18	0	263	84	14.61	—	1	2
A R Caddick	16	26	4	318	35*	14.45	—	—	6
T J Zoehrer	9	9	1	115	38	14.37	—	—	17/4
M C J Ball	4	8	0	113	71	14.12	—	1	13
T D Topley	8	12	1	155	33	14.09	—	—	3
K J Piper	10	14	1	183	52	14.07	—	1	14
M C Ilott	18	25	5	280	51	14.00	—	2	7
A R K Pierson	18	23	6	238	58	14.00	—	1	3
A C S Pigott	12	13	2	153	52	13.90	—	1	3
A L Penberthy	9	14	2	164	54*	13.66	—	1	5
R A Pick	13	12	4	109	22	13.62	—	—	4
C W J Lyons	9	12	4	108	28	13.50	—	—	22/2
N F Williams	14	12	1	146	44	13.27	—	—	3
J D Batty	15	19	2	221	50	13.00	—	1	7
S L Watkin	19	24	8	204	31	12.75	—	—	7
Waqar Younis	13	18	1	214	28	12.58	—	—	3
J Boiling	9	13	5	100	28	12.50	—	—	3
R G Twose	11	18	0	224	37	12.44	—	—	4
M G Field-Buss	10	14	6	99	20*	12.37	—	—	4
M Davies	14	23	5	220	44*	12.22	—	—	6
D Gough	16	24	3	248	39	11.81	—	—	3
N V Radford	13	14	5	106	29	11.77	—	—	3
R P Davis	14	16	2	164	42	11.71	—	—	14
J P Arscott	10	12	3	105	22*	11.66	—	—	12/1
K E Cooper	14	25	6	218	52	11.47	—	1	5
A R Whittall	10	9	2	80	40	11.42	—	—	2
J H Childs	17	19	11	89	23	11.12	—	—	5
A R C Fraser	18	17	2	162	29	10.80	—	—	7
P C R Tufnell	18	18	6	128	30*	10.66	—	—	7
K C G Benjamin	11	11	3	85	26	10.62	—	—	1
R M Pearson	10	10	1	94	31	10.44	—	—	3
P M Such	20	27	5	228	54	10.36	—	1	8
C M Pitcher	9	8	2	61	27*	10.16	—	—	5
D E Malcolm	11	14	7	69	19	9.85	—	—	—
A P van Troost	14	17	6	108	35	9.81	—	—	2
A A Barnett	19	23	7	157	38	9.81	—	—	4
G C Small	13	19	4	147	39	9.80	—	—	5
M Burns	6	10	0	96	22	9.60	—	—	9/1
N J Haste	10	9	1	76	36	9.50	—	—	6
J Lepperd	6	6	0	55	20	9.16	—	—	—
J P Taylor	19	22	11	100	21	9.09	—	—	5
A M Smith	7	11	1	87	33	8.70	—	—	1
M J McCague	9	11	3	69	22*	8.62	—	—	5
M A V Bell	9	12	5	60	22*	8.57	—	—	2
A A Donald	10	12	4	68	19	8.50	—	—	8
J I D Kerr	7	11	3	67	19*	8.37	—	—	4
A D Mullally	17	20	4	132	26	8.25	—	—	4
S J E Brown	16	24	5	152	31	8.00	—	—	5
A R Roberts	10	16	1	119	19*	7.93	—	—	3
O H Mortensen	10	14	5	70	29	7.77	—	—	4
S J W Andrew	11	14	4	75	18	7.50	—	—	3
S R Barwick	12	11	3	60	23*	7.50	—	—	3
S J Base	14	19	0	139	27	7.31	—	—	9
J E Benjamin	17	26	7	128	23	6.73	—	—	3
A M Babington	7	9	3	40	23	6.66	—	—	1
A R Fothergill	5	8	0	53	29	6.62	—	—	6/2
T A Munton	13	13	5	51	18	6.37	—	—	4
J P Carroll	8	12	1	69	21	6.27	—	—	1
N G B Cook	8	9	1	50	18	6.25	—	—	3
S P Hughes	6	8	2	37	30	6.16	—	—	1
K J Shine	13	14	5	54	12	6.00	—	—	4
D P J Flint	10	13	5	47	14*	5.87	—	—	7
J A Afford	14	17	8	50	11	5.55	—	—	6
A P Igglesden	13	13	7	32	10	5.33	—	—	2
E E Hemmings	15	20	4	78	17*	4.87	—	—	11
M A Robinson	17	22	10	53	16*	4.41	—	—	—
M P W Jeh	10	10	4	26	9	4.33	—	—	3
R H MacDonald	10	8	2	22	11	3.66	—	—	—
M Trescothick	3	6	0	14	6	2.33	—	—	4
E S H Giddins	15	19	8	12	4	1.09	—	—	2

Bowling

Qualification: ten wickets

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
N G Cowans	81	16	234	16	14.62	4-43	—	—
Wasim Akram	409.2	93	1137	59	19.27	8-68	5	1
K M Curran	458	123	1293	67	19.29	7-47	3	—
J E Emburey	719.4	226	1401	71	19.73	8-40	2	1
A P Igglesden	438.5	111	1068	54	19.77	6-58	3	1
M P Bicknell	502.2	137	1341	67	20.01	6-43	6	2
C E L Ambrose	543.4	150	1207	59	20.45	6-49	2	—
Mushtaq Ahmed	694.3	212	1773	85	20.85	7-91	8	3
D J Capel	117.4	37	252	12	21.00	3-15	—	—
C White	132	36	328	15	21.86	3-9	—	—
W K M Benjamin	281.3	81	702	32	21.93	7-83	3	—
A E Warner	322.5	76	900	41	21.95	5-27	3	1
S K Warne	765.4	281	1698	75	22.64	5-61	2	—
Waqar Younis	449.4	89	1407	62	22.69	6-42	4	—
A R C Fraser	532.4	131	1388	61	22.75	7-40	2	—
S L Watkin	765.4	173	2098	92	22.80	5-71	2	—
D J Millns	184.3	51	584	25	23.36	5-21	2	—
C L Cairns	411.5	74	1242	53	23.43	8-70	3	—
C A Walsh	528.2	119	1516	64	23.68	5-59	3	—
P C R Tufnell	688.4	189	1529	64	23.89	8-29	3	—
T J Zoehrer	126.1	33	335	14	23.92	3-18	—	—
D A Reeve	284.1	108	528	22	24.00	3-38	—	—
N A Mallender	329.5	102	772	32	24.12	5-49	1	—
P J Newport	546.5	135	1454	60	24.23	8-63	1	—
A D Mullally	528.1	141	1506	62	24.29	7-72	2	1
M C J Ball	157.3	35	439	18	24.38	8-46	2	1
E E Hemmings	683.2	208	1541	63	24.46	7-31	2	1
K C G Benjamin	283.5	42	911	37	24.62	6-70	2	—
C Penn	142	39	296	12	24.66	4-12	—	—
G J Parsons	490.1	151	1111	45	24.68	3-23	—	—
M N Bowen	147.5	30	564	22	25.18	4-124	—	—
G D Rose	324.3	62	1090	43	25.34	6-83	3	—
P Bainbridge	333.1	76	1021	40	25.52	5-53	2	—
R K Illingworth	645	218	1404	55	25.52	6-28	1	—
J P Taylor	646.5	191	1789	69	25.92	6-82	2	—
M A V Bell	212.1	52	649	25	25.96	7-48	3	—
K D James	323.2	84	942	36	26.16	4-33	—	—
K E Cooper	502.4	149	1233	47	26.23	5-83	1	—
K P Evans	265.3	69	660	25	26.40	6-67	1	—
D Gough	507.3	115	1517	57	26.61	7-42	3	1
A R Caddick	541	115	1678	63	26.63	9-32	5	3
M G Field-Buss	307.3	112	748	28	26.71	6-42	1	—
T B A May	562.5	156	1429	53	26.96	5-89	1	—
J I D Kerr	109.1	15	405	15	27.00	3-47	—	—
A A Donald	268.1	59	811	30	27.03	7-98	2	1
P W Jarvis	267.4	62	705	26	27.11	4-51	—	—
M W Alleyne	246.3	50	707	26	27.19	3-25	—	—
T A Munton	334.3	112	740	27	27.40	7-41	1	—
R G Twose	102.2	16	302	11	27.45	4-85	—	—
M A Robinson	514	130	1346	49	27.46	9-37	3	1
P J Hartley	351.4	91	1027	37	27.75	5-51	1	—
S D Thomas	141.3	21	556	20	27.80	5-76	1	—
J E Benjamin	624.2	153	1783	64	27.85	6-19	2	—
J H Childs	709	207	1729	62	27.88	6-37	3	—
F D Stephenson	397	77	1155	41	28.17	5-55	1	—
P M Such	812	197	2148	76	28.26	6-67	7	3
D W Headley	439.4	108	1191	42	28.35	7-79	2	—
C M Tolley	442.5	115	1194	42	28.42	5-55	1	—
M J McCague	298.1	67	888	31	28.64	5-33	2	—
A L Penberthy	171	43	522	18	29.00	5-37	1	—
N F Williams	372	65	1131	39	29.00	6-61	1	—
M A Butcher	134	24	436	15	29.06	4-51	—	—
J A Afford	720.5	225	1659	57	29.10	5-64	3	—
M A Ealham	281.2	56	917	31	29.58	5-14	2	—
M G Hughes	470.2	113	1420	48	29.58	5-92	1	—
D G Cork	396.5	85	1102	37	29.78	4-90	—	—
G C Small	251.4	71	629	21	29.95	4-39	—	—
S J Base	310.1	69	1080	36	30.00	5-59	3	—
P R Reiffel	375.4	85	1113	37	30.08	6-71	2	—
S Bastien	167.3	27	573	19	30.15	6-52	2	1
S D Udal	763.2	183	2232	74	30.16	6-141	5	2
R D Stemp	540	188	1207	40	30.17	6-92	2	—
J P Stephenson	265.5	52	908	30	30.26	5-31	2	—
A C Cummins	504.3	95	1614	53	30.45	6-115	3	—
D B Pennett	172	34	520	17	30.58	5-36	1	—
O H Mortensen	255	66	643	21	30.61	5-55	1	—
N V Radford	269.5	46	1012	33	30.66	6-49	1	—
M D Marshall	345.3	102	858	28	30.67	5-62	1	—
D E Malcolm	336.5	57	1262	41	30.78	6-57	2	—
R P Davis	479.4	141	1118	36	31.05	7-127	2	1
A R K Pierson	528.5	141	1371	44	31.15	6-87	4	—
M A Feltham	327.3	88	905	29	31.20	4-48	—	—
S R Lampitt	333	62	1062	34	31.23	3-9	—	—
P J Martin	406.5	105	1188	38	31.26	5-35	1	—
R P Lefebvre	619.1	177	1379	44	31.34	4-70	—	—
M M Patel	199.5	52	533	17	31.35	7-75	2	1
L Potter	352.1	123	758	24	31.58	5-45	1	—
M V Fleming	422	103	1085	34	31.94	4-31	—	—
A J Murphy	338.4	81	1043	32	32.59	5-58	1	—
P A J DeFreitas	651.4	128	1970	60	32.83	7-76	4	1
P A Booth	174.5	49	396	12	33.00	2-16	—	—
Salim Malik	255.1	41	792	24	33.00	5-67	1	—
N M Kendrick	368	113	960	29	33.10	7-115	1	—
N M K Smith	588.1	151	1593	48	33.18	6-122	3	—
M C Ilott	640.4	130	1962	59	33.25	7-85	2	—
S J W Andrew	261.4	55	934	28	33.35	7-47	2	—
A P van Troost	282	49	1036	31	33.41	5-47	1	—
A Dale	393.1	81	1238	37	33.45	6-18	1	—
R J Bailey	244.3	69	612	18	34.00	5-54	1	—
J D Batty	383.2	97	1065	31	34.35	5-38	1	—
D A Graveney	579.1	187	1306	38	34.36	5-78	1	—
D P J Flint	386.2	95	1066	31	34.38	5-32	1	—
R D B Croft	850.5	265	2158	61	35.37	5-112	2	—
R H MacDonald	249	66	710	20	35.50	6-20	1	—
D R Pringle	378.5	93	1041	29	35.89	4-33	—	—
P A Smith	130.5	18	505	14	36.07	4-35	—	—
W J Holdsworth	204.5	32	833	23	36.21	5-117	1	—
I D K Salisbury	616.3	132	2007	54	37.16	5-81	2	—
R S Yeabsley	237.1	53	762	20	38.10	3-30	—	—
M Davies	515.1	141	1412	37	38.16	5-57	2	1
M Watkinson	662.5	146	1950	51	38.23	5-12	1	—
C C Lewis	561.1	122	1619	42	38.54	4-34	—	—
C L Hooper	545	126	1281	33	38.81	4-35	—	—
P W Trimby	143.2	31	469	12	39.08	3-72	—	—
V J Wells	241.4	65	705	18	39.16	2-5	—	—
H R J Trump	237.4	79	589	15	39.26	4-74	—	—
S J E Brown	509	78	1861	47	39.59	7-70	3	—
I T Botham	185.5	46	516	13	39.69	4-11	—	—
B P Julian	318.5	58	1158	29	39.93	5-63	1	—
A R Roberts	289.5	75	760	19	40.00	3-51	—	—
G W Mike	205	42	708	17	41.64	5-65	1	—
T D Topley	181.5	41	627	15	41.80	3-15	—	—
F A Griffith	170.5	29	593	14	42.35	3-32	—	—
A A Barnett	713.2	177	2005	47	42.66	5-36	3	—
R A Pick	346	78	1070	25	42.80	5-53	1	—
P J Berry	200.1	33	648	15	43.20	3-39	—	—
G Yates	233	46	692	16	43.25	5-108	1	—
R W Sladdin	326.5	96	1017	23	44.21	3-30	—	—
J Wood	192	26	735	16	45.93	4-106	—	—
G Chapple	155	34	507	11	46.09	3-50	—	—
M P W Jeh	297	48	1140	24	47.50	5-63	1	—
A C S Pigott	282.3	43	1001	21	47.66	4-51	—	—
S R Barwick	505.4	208	1016	21	48.38	3-26	—	—
R M Pearson	335.3	68	1020	21	48.57	3-61	—	—
A M Babington	219.2	49	634	13	48.76	3-51	—	—
K J Shine	296.1	67	1172	24	48.83	6-62	2	—
C M Pitcher	203.1	35	698	14	49.85	3-50	—	—
C A Connor	261.4	65	803	16	50.18	4-77	—	—
A R Whittall	309.3	63	969	19	51.00	3-79	—	—
E S H Giddins	379	55	1490	29	51.37	5-120	1	—
J E R Gallian	195	43	585	11	53.18	3-52	—	—
G Charlesworth	229.5	52	645	12	53.75	3-33	—	—
A M Smith	205.2	36	672	12	56.00	3-59	—	—
M J Vandrau	268.4	62	937	16	58.56	2-8	—	—
N A Foster	250.3	60	723	12	60.25	5-58	1	—
G A Hick	303.4	59	603	10	60.30	2-15	—	—
J Boiling	221.1	60	669	11	60.81	5-100	1	—
N J Haste	225	43	715	10	71.50	2-44	—	—

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FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles 5 Cincinnati 3 (11 inns); Atlanta 18 Montreal 5; Philadelphia 5 Florida 3; New York 4 Pittsburgh 3; Chicago 13 St Louis 3; Houston 6 San Francisco 0; Colorado 15 San Diego 4.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 7 Detroit 4; Minnesota 5 New York 4; Baltimore 7 Cleveland 6; Toronto 5 Boston 0; California 8 Chicago 0; Oakland 9 Kansas City 6; Seattle 8 Texas 0.

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Shepherd Neame open tournament: Pairs: Men: Second round: S Cover and D Orrin bt R Pitcher and H Gold, 30-19; B Allen and B Fenwick bt J Rossiter and R Hamilton, 20-17; D Francis and D Botting bt C Wilkins and R Stockwell, 25-21; B Jones and S Matthews bt D Gardner and D Caffer, 26-9; C Wells and R Symes bt G Griffin and F Ash, 26-23. Women: First round: R Marsh and A Lawrence bt J Bettany and E Stebbings, 22-21; E Brockwell and M Roy bt M Chellans and V Andrews, 22-20; O Freeman and B Davies bt A French and S Griffiths, 25-7; J Wood and G Burke bt B Smith and E Woods, 21-16; W Swan and D Duckman bt J Muckle and E Mason, 29-17; M Bathgate and S Wilcox bt O Slomovic and M Peck, 23-12; D Williams and S Dewey bt L Fowler and Y Price 17-8; K Knott and S Taylor bt P Gilbert and M Topp, 21-15; G Roberts and I Grace bt G Inge and I Gee, 25-12.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group three: Albania 1, Spain 5 (in Tirana)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	10	7	3	0	17	2	17
Denmark	10	6	4	0	14	1	16
Spain	10	6	3	1	23	3	15
N Ireland	10	5	2	3	13	11	12
Lithuania	12	2	3	7	8	21	7
Latvia	12	0	5	7	4	21	5
Albania	12	1	2	9	6	26	4

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: San Marino 1, Holland 3. Group three: Albania 0, Spain 3.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers 0, Chelsea 1; Tottenham 2, Luton 1. League Cup: Swansea 9, Hereford 0.

GOLF

MOUNTAIN LAKES, Caerphilly: Welsh professional championship: Leading final scores: 138: P Price (Pontypridd), 70, 68. 142: L Bond (St Pierre), 72, 70. 143: G Farr (Telford), 70, 73. 145: M Benjamin (St Mary's), 71, 74; C Riley (Caerleon), 73, 72. 146: J Peters (Southerndown), 72, 74; P Jones (Wenvoe Castle), 69, 77.
GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Regional qualifying round: Delamere Forest: 243: St Mary's, Wallasey. 244: Bebington HS, Wirral. 246: Bridgewater County High, Warrington. Best individual score: 72: S Done (Bebington).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Pontypridd 3, Tredegar 7; Narberth 26, Haverfordwest 10; Rosslyn Park 32, Wasps 3; Laugharne 5, Llanelli 56; Blackwood 5, Newbridge 24.

SNOOKER

MOTHERWELL: Regal Scottish Masters: First round: W Thorne (Eng) bt W Snaddon (Scot), 5-0; K Doherty (Ire) bt J Wattana (Thai), 5-4.

SQUASH

JOHANNESBURG: Women's World Open: First round: S Horner (Eng) bt K Redlam (Br), 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt L Charman (Eng), 3-9, 9-2, 9-1, V Cardwell (Aus) bt S Cawdry (SA), 9-0, 9-0, 9-4; S Schone (Ger) bt C Clifton-Parks (SA), 9-7, 10-8, 9-8; R O'Callaghan (Ire) bt P Villa (Sp), 9-2, 9-0, 9-4; C Jackman (Eng) bt N Meneu (Sp), 9-1, 9-1, 9-4; S Macfie (Eng) bt I Schrieber (SA) 10-8, 9-0, 9-3; S Wright (Eng) bt M Clare (SA), 9-2, 9-3, 9-0; R Macree (Eng) bt A Milanek (US), 9-3, 9-0, 9-2; L Irving (Aus) bt D Martin (Aus) 8-10, 9-6, 9-7, 9-0; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt A Clifton-Parks (SA), 5-9, 9-7, 9-0, 9-1; C Nitch (SA) bt V Hardy (SA), 9-5, 9-2, 9-2; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt A Clifton-Parks (SA), 5-9, 9-7, 9-0, 9-1; C Nitch (SA) bt V Hardy (SA), 9-5, 9-2, 9-2. Second round: FitzGerald bt J Martin (Eng), 9-2, 9-3, 9-2; Horner bt L Opie (Eng), 9-3, 9-2, 4-9, 0-9, 9-7; Le Moignan bt Cardwell, 9-1, 9-5, 9-4; Schone bt Nitch, 4-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-4.
DUBAI: Men's tournament: Second round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C van der Wath (SA), 15-11, 15-5, 15-8; R Norman (NZ) bt A Hill (Aus), 10-15, 17-14, 15-11, 15-5; A Kirkland (Eng) bt B Martin (Aus), 3-15, 15-5, 17-16, 16-17, 15-13; P Whitlock (Eng) bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak), 15-13, 15-8, 15-11; P Marshall (Eng) bt P Nicol (Scot), 15-8, 15-11, 15-7; R Eyles (Aus) bt T Hands (Eng), 15-10, 11-15, 15-10, 9-15, 15-13.

TABLE TENNIS

HARINGEY: European women's league: Super division: England 4, Sweden 1 (England names first): L Lomas bt A Svensson 19-21, 21-18, 21-10; A Gordon bt M Svensson, 21-17, 12-21, 21-17; A Holt lost to P Pettersson, 21-13, 21-23, 10-21; Holt and Lomas bt A and M Svensson, 21-13, 17-21, 21-17; Lomas bt M Svensson, 21-11, 17-21, 21-13.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World Group qualifying match: Ramat Hasharon: Israel leads Switzerland, 1-0 (Israel names first): A Mansdorf bt J Hlasek, 7-5, 7-6, 6-2.
SHEFFIELD: LTA autumn satellite tournament: Men: First round: S Herdoiza (US) bt R Matheson (Scot), 6-4, 6-1; L Manta (Switz) bt A Colvin (Eng), 6-2, 6-2; P Langvardt (Den) bt N Weal (Eng), 6-1, 6-0; R Eriksson (Swe) bt S Scaiola (It), 6-3, 6-4; J Sher (SA) bt D Sweeney (Zam), 7-6, 6-2. Second round: M Maclagan (Scot) bt B Cowan (Eng), 7-6, 6-4; T Henman (Eng) bt G Mandl (Austria), 6-2, 6-3; S Herdoiza (US) bt S Della-Piana (Switz), 6-2, 6-4; D Sapsford (Eng) bt M Zimmerman (US), 6-2, 6-1; B Gyetko (Can) bt J Delgado (Eng), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; P Langvardt (Den) bt L Manta (Switz), 6-2, 6-1; J Hunter (Eng) bt S Stewart (US), 6-2, 6-0; J Sher (SA) bt R Eriksson (Swe), 7-5, 6-2. Women: First round: E Nortje (Nam) bt S Boulding (Eng), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; D Huber (Ger) bt M Seibold (Ger), 6-4, 7-5; S Parkhomenko (Russ) bt M Hughes (Wales), 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; L Jelfs (Eng) bt T Croson (Eng), 6-2, 6-4; J Ward (Eng) bt J McMahon (Eng), 6-1, 6-1; C Grunes (Ger) bt H Hogh (Ger), 6-1, 6-2. Second round: N Jartan (Fr) bt E Roubanova (Russ), 6-0, 7-6; L Bois (Fr) bt H Matthews (Eng), 6-1, 6-2; D Huber (US) bt A Smith (Eng), 6-4, 6-1; N Egorova (Russ) bt K Nugent (Ire), 6-2, 6-1; V Humphreys-Davies (Eng) bt E Nortje (Nam), 7-6, 6-3; C Herbert (Eng) bt C Hall (Eng), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; J Ward (Eng) bt L Jelfs (Eng), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Parkhomenko (Russ) bt C Grunes (Ger), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
TOKYO: Women's tournament: First round: Wang Shi-ting (Taiwan) bt R White (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) bt A Keller (US), 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; K Date (Japan) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt R Hiraki (Japan), 6-2, 6-0; G Sabatini (Arg) bt Li Fang (China), 6-1, 6-2; R McQuillan (Aus) bt I Spirlea (Rom), 6-2, 6-3.

YACHTING

PERTH, Australia: World match racing championship: Second day: 1, E Baird (US), 8 wins, 1 loss; equal 2, R Coutts (NZ), R Heiner (Holl), E Warden-Owen (GB), 6, 3; 5, P Gilmour (Aus), 5, 4; equal 6, R Davis (NZ), B Pace (Fr), 4, 5; 8, C Law (GB), 3, 6; 9, T Peponnet (Fr), 2, 7; 10, M Holmberg (Swe), 1, 8.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford Utd v Bristol Rovers.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Wolverhampton; Derby v Notts County; Leeds v York; Liverpool v Newcastle; Nottingham Forest v Manchester Utd; Sheffield Wed v Blackburn. Second division: Burnley v Huddersfield (7.15); Manchester City v Barnsley; Rotherham v Stoke.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Golf Foundation schools team championships (South Shields, West Kildare and Llandudno).

SNOOKER: Regal Masters (Motherwell).

TENNIS: LTA autumn satellite tournament (Sheffield).

Marseilles stripped of domestic league title

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN MONTE CARLO

THE French Football Federation (FFF) yesterday stripped Marseilles of the league title they won last season, and also banned three players because of allegations that Marseilles and Valenciennes were involved in a match-fixing scandal in May.

In a further move in the controversy, Fifa, the world governing body, announced here that Marseilles, already banned from defending the European Cup, would also be prevented from taking part in both the Intercontinental Cup and the Super Cup.

"One can even foresee that it will in future be difficult, if not impossible, for Marseilles to take part in any international match, even a friendly," Sepp Blatter, the Fifa general secretary, said. He did not specify how long this would last.

The FFF, which had been threatened with suspension from all international football unless it took sanctions against Marseilles by today, has banned three of the four players allegedly involved in the scandal, Christophe Robert and Jorge Burruchaga, of Valenciennes, and Jean-Jacques Eydelie, of Marseilles. Jacques Glassmann, the Valenciennes player who first made allegations of bribery, was not suspended. All the sanctions are provisional, pending a court case.

The Valenciennes players have admitted that attempts were made to bribe them before the league match on May 20 which Marseilles won 1-0, so taking an important step towards winning their fifth successive league title. Six days later, Marseilles became the first French club to win the European Cup, which the Paris daily sports paper, *L'Equipe*, invented in 1955, by defeating AC Milan 1-0.

Tapie: no sanction

Jean-Pierre Bernès, the Marseilles general manager, who was allegedly involved in the attempt to bribe the Valenciennes players, has also been suspended, pending a court case. "We had to take sanctions in this affair, which has seriously harmed the morality of our sport," Jean Fournet-Fayard, the FFF president, said.

Bernès and Bernard Tapie, the socialist politician, businessman and Marseilles president, against whom no action was taken, have repeatedly protested the club's innocence. The FFF also said it was considering whether Marseilles should be permitted to play in the French Cup this season.

Bernès, who burst into tears on Tuesday after being interviewed during the enquiry of the FFF, said: "My life is hell, my life has been wrecked. I have repeated what I have been saying for four months. I do not know what else I should do or say. There is only suicide left to prove that this business has got nothing to do with me."

Bernès will soon return to hospital for psychiatric treatment because he is suffering from the traumatic effect of the biggest scandal in French football history.

Jean-Louis Levreau, the Marseilles vice-president, said that it was a "positive thing" that sanctions had been taken pending a court decision, but added: "I feel sorry for the players, who for the moment have been deprived of the title they won on the pitch."

He also defended Bernès. "Nobody has come forward with any material proof of his so-called involvement in the affair."

A court case is unlikely to be held until next year, and the delay led to Fifa ordering the FFF to take action.

However, there was relief here yesterday that Marseilles were not being penalised more harshly and relegated to the second division. Levreau said: "It gives us the chance to win another league title. Victory on the pitch would be the best response possible in this affair."

In a statement, Fifa said it was satisfied with the FFF's decision. "Fifa feels that these decisions have preserved the credibility of French football as a whole, and have thus settled a matter which was of great concern to the world football federation."

Lawrence plans for long-term

Louise Taylor finds Middlesbrough's manager striving for a place of security in the Premiership

Lawrence, who has money to spend in Middlesbrough's quest for promotion

Most mornings Lennie Lawrence drives the short distance to Kirklevington prison. The Middlesbrough manager waits to be let in and hears the gates locked behind him before supervising his squad in training.

Later, Lawrence and his players are released to continue a Endsleigh Insurance League first division promotion campaign that began with four victories but has been tempered by two defeats and a draw.

Lawrence partly attributes this blip to an "attitude thing" and it is no secret that in previous seasons some Middlesbrough players have proved to be a little temperamental.

Anything but a prima donna, Lawrence is a good man to persuade his squad that ability must be married to application and where better to concentrate their minds than a prison.

Lack of concentration — their defence was in the habit of clocking off early — cost Middlesbrough their Premier League place last season. Relegation extended a sequence that has seen the club involved in promotion or demotion tussles every year for the past ten.

Between permanent training grounds they may be, but Middlesbrough need to stop playing yo-yo. "I don't want us to be one of those teams like West Ham that is always in limbo land," Lawrence said.

Describing the gulf between the leading two divisions as "enormous", Lawrence sees Swindon and West Ham struggling and Newcastle doing little more than achieving survival. "And look at the first division," he said. "It is hard to imagine any team in it taking the Premiership by storm next season."

Middlesbrough began as if they were going to have that effect on the first division and they possess players able to erase what Lawrence, 45, called his biggest disappointment, last May.

Would he stay or leave, Teesside wondered this summer. But Lawrence, who likes village life in the Cleveland countryside with his wife, Lynn, signed a new one-year contract. His position has been strengthened by the accession of Steve Gibson, an admirer of the articulate Lawrence, to club chairman.

Gibson questioned Lawrence about the wisdom of selling Alan Kernaghan, the Ireland international central defender, to Manchester City for £1.6 million after rejecting earlier offers. It seemed smart business though. You cannot imagine City selling the player on for anything like that sum. Lawrence said: "Their valuation was more than I thought he was worth." City's arm being twisted by his hard sell, perhaps.

Lawrence's most serious test will come when he spends the cash from the sale of Kernaghan. "I want players who have got something to prove," he said. "Those who are on the up and up and people I can trust. I don't want anyone with three or four clubs behind them who sees us as an addition to the collection. I need players who can do well in the Premiership."

Believing that promotion to the top drawer will soon be restricted to one club per season, Lawrence knows it is imperative for Middlesbrough to return and to stay up. The Premiership would prove the perfect stage for the likes of Alan Moore, 18, a left winger who is the talk of Teesside.

Lawrence's eyes light up at the mention of his name and you sense he would like to keep him permanently protected behind Kirklevington's security fences. The message to interested managers like Graeme Souness, of Liverpool, is look but do not touch.

Many managers would like to acquire Paul Wilkinson, the Middlesbrough centre forward, and Everton have had a bid of £1.1 million rejected. Few target men hold the ball up as well.

And few midfield players compete as keenly as Jamie Pollock. The England youth international is much more than a destroyer and the grown-up version might just be Stockton's version of Bryan Robson.

Teesside through and through, Pollock plans to stay put at Ayresome Park. As does John Hendrie. Relocated from wide to a more central striking role, he has pledged similar loyalty.

Stephen Pears, the goalkeeper, Craig Hignett, Richard Liburd and Andy Peake all appear poised to play their part in this latest promotion assault. But the squad lacks strength in depth and Lawrence knows that he will stand or fall by his future investments.

Salinas's hat-trick too much for weak Albania

THREE goals by Julio Salinas, the Barcelona forward, helped Spain beat Albania 5-1 in Tirana yesterday and keep their hopes of qualifying for the 1994 World Cup finals alive.

Spain began the group three game trailing Ireland by four points and Denmark by three, and needing a win to stay in with a chance of getting to United States.

Salinas opened the scoring as early as the fourth minute when, despite being surrounded by four Albanian defenders, he managed to slip the ball beneath the diving body of the goalkeeper, Foto Strakosha.

Antonio Munoz made it 2-0 in the eighteenth minute with a 15-yard shot after a header by Salinas had rebounded off the crossbar.

Salinas had better luck 12 minutes later when Munoz centred and the Barcelona forward headed home.

Albania, while tenacious in defence, lacked penetration early in the game but improved as the half wore on and went close with shots from Ylli Shehu and Sokol Kushta in the 36th and 37th minutes.

Five minutes before half-time, Kushta reduced the deficit when he gathered a long pass and lobbed over the stranded goalkeeper, Zubizarreta, to make it 3-1.

The home side opened the second half well with Kushta firing a shot went inches wide of the Spanish goal. But Salinas dealt a punishing blow in the 58th minute when he broke free down the centre and pushed the ball between Strakosha's legs to complete his hat-trick.

Ten minutes later, Caminero, playing only his second international, made it 5-1, heading home after a goalmouth scramble.

Albania, bottom of their group, were without two leading players in Sulejman Demollari, injured, and Altin Rrakilli, who was not selected as punishment for missing the match against Denmark last month.

The poverty in the Balkan country meant the players had to drop the post-match ritual of exchanging shirts because of a shortage.

To qualify from the group, Spain still need positive results from their final two matches against Ireland in Dublin and Denmark in Seville.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	10	7	3	0	17	2	17
Denmark	10	6	4	0	14	1	16
Spain	10	6	3	1	23	3	15
N Ireland	10	5	2	3	13	11	12
Lithuania	12	2	3	7	8	21	7
Latvia	12	0	5	7	4	21	5
Albania	12	1	2	9	6	28	4

REMAINING FIXTURES: Oct 13: Ireland v Spain; Denmark v N Ireland. Nov 17: N Ireland v Ireland; Spain v Denmark.

Clark plans to sign Wright as Forest rebuild

NOTTINGHAM Forest yesterday agreed a fee of £450,000 with Newcastle United for their Northern Ireland international goalkeeper, Tommy Wright. Providing Forest can agree personal terms with the player, he is expected to sign for the club before the weekend.

The way was cleared for Wright, 29, to leave St James' Park on Tuesday when Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, completed the signing of Liverpool's reserve goalkeeper, Mike Hooper, for £500,000.

Frank Clark, the Forest manager, is also considering a move for the Norwegian international, Lars Bohinen, 24. Clark flew to Norway yesterday to watch the midfield player in last night's World Cup qualifying tie with Poland.

Jeroen Boere, the Dutch forword, yesterday became the latest part in West Ham United's rebuilding project. Boere, an under-21 and B international, will cost only £250,000 from Go-Ahead Eagles Deventer.

"Jeroen has signed a three-year contract subject to medical and international clearance," Peter Storrie, the West Ham managing director, said. "He has been on trial for a week and last night scored twice in the reserves against Arsenal. He's a big, strong lad and looked impressive."

Last week, West Ham signed David Burrows and Mike Marsh from Liverpool in exchange for Julian Dicks and also brought the experienced forward, Lee Chapman, to Upton Pagrk from Portsmouth. The signings paid an instant three-point dividend when West Ham beat Blackburn Rovers 2-0 at Ewood Park in the Premiership last Saturday.

Chapman also cost £250,000 and the arrival of Boere — he hopes to be registered in time for Saturday's game at Newcastle — represents more value-for-money. That had to be an essential ingredient in any deal, with the club engaged in building a new 8,000-seat stand.

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, will make his first appearance of the season in the FA Carling Premiership at Oldham on Saturday.

The Australia international lost his place to Nigel Spink at the start of the season because of a one-match ban imposed by Fifa, the game's world governing body, after he refused to play for his country in a World Cup qualifying play-off game against Canada.

Wright relishes lead role as Arsenal steal spotlight

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PUT an Arsenal shirt on his back and Ian Wright is the most dangerous predator in English football. Replace it with an England shirt and he is just another footballer. On Tuesday night, Wright was an Arsenal player and at his instinctive, intuitive best. There was nothing Huddersfield Town could do to but sit back and applaud.

Wright scored three of Arsenal's five goals in a one-sided Coca-Cola Cup second-round first-leg tie at Leeds Road, an exhibition of finishing skills that had the Yorkshire audience enthralled from start to finish. He was not the difference between the cup-holders and the underdogs from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division — the gap between the two sides was too great for that — but he was the problem that Huddersfield singularly failed to solve.

He opened the scoring after just three minutes and, after Campbell and Merson had put the issue beyond doubt before the hour was up, notched his second with an exquisite chip and his third shortly before the end.

"He is fantastic, isn't he?," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said afterwards. "Time after time, he comes up with special goals."

Neil Warnock, Graham's opposite number at Huddersfield, went further: "Wright's finishing was magnificent. I found myself clapping his second goal before I realised I was the opposition manager. It is back to the drawing board for me because Wright is so exciting and Arsenal are first-class. I just wish he could perform like it for England."

Wright's three goals brought his total to 66 in 90 games for Arsenal since his move across London from Crystal palace, yet he has managed just one goal in 15 outings with England.

His was not the only outstanding performance on a rare night's football. There were four other hat-tricks in the Coca-Cola Cup second-round first-leg games, with Craig Hignett, of Middlesbrough, the most impressive individual performer. He scored four goals in the first half against Brighton at Ayresome Park, including three in a five-minute spell shortly before half-time, that all but booked Middlesbrough a place in the third round with the second leg still to come. John Hendrie completed the 5-0 scoreline after the break.

Paul Rideout scored three of Everton's goals in their dramatic 4-3 at Lincoln City, scoring the winner with just five minutes left, and Pat Nevin helped himself to a treble in Tranmere Rovers' 5-1 trouncing of Oxford United. John Aldridge scored the other two goals. Stan Collymore scored all Nottingham Forest's goals in their 3-3 draw at Wrexham.

Hignett: deadly

The night's biggest upset was Sheffield United's 3-0 defeat at Blackpool. Dave Bamber scoring twice and Andy Watson once, although Dave Bassett, the United manager, missed the match, preferring instead to go on a scouting mission eslewhere. His assistant, Geoff Taylor, summed up the performance thus: "We can't afford to play like that in the Premiership or we've had it — our defence was non-existent, we deserved everything we got."

Sunderland revived memories of their FA Cup victory in 1973 by beating Leeds United at Roker Park. Twenty years ago at Wembley, the score was 1-0; on Tuesday, it was 2-1. Phil Gray and Don Goodman giving Sunderland hope of completing another upset in the second leg.

While Wright was having a good night for Arsenal, his England striking partner, Les Ferdinand, was having a bad one for Queens Park Rangers. Although Ferdinand scored Rangers' opener in their 2-1 win at Barnet, he was criticised afterwards by the Rangers manager, Gerry Francis, who said: "He has still got a lot to learn. His marker got the better of him tonight."

Alan Shearer, waiting in the wings for an England recall, scored Blackburn Rovers' only goal in their 1-0 defeat of Bournemouth at Ewood Park.

There were shirt troubles again for Sheffield Wednesday, who had to play Bolton Wanderers in their hosts' third strip because of a clash with the officials' kit. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Barnwell to take over from Chard

NORTHAMPTON Town yesterday dismissed Phil Chard, their player-manager. Chard, 32, has been asked to remain as a player but is likely to make a clean break from Northampton — bottom of the Endsleigh Insurance League third division and without a win this season after eight league and cup matches.

The general manager, John Barnwell, the former Notts County, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Walsall manager, will take over team affairs.

Barry Stonhill, the senior director, said: "We have taken the decision with regret and it's not something we have enjoyed doing. Phil has been a good servant to this club. Something had to be done after our start to the season and our options were somewhat limited. Hopefully, John can get more out of the players."

Rade Ognanovic, who led Cameroon into the 1982 World Cup finals, has been hired to coach the Chinese Olympic team for at least two years, press reports in Peking said yesterday.

China have failed in their two attempts to qualify for the World Cup and did not play in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Ognanovic, who played for Yugoslavia in the 1958 World Cup, will be concentrating on the 1996 Games in Atlanta. Besides Cameroon and his home country, he has also coached the national teams of Egypt, Jordan, the Ivory Coast and Switzerland.

Jackson leads Hibernian into final

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DARREN Jackson scored against his former club to send Hibernian into the Scottish League Cup final after a thrilling semi-final at Tynecastle on Tuesday night. Jackson, signed from Dundee United for £400,000 in July last year, hit a superb tenth-minute goal to put Hibernian in the final for the second time in three years.

The match was, however, marred by angry scenes at the finish as a scuffle broke out on the touchline involving several players from each side and some of the coaching staff. It was an unsavoury end to what had been a memorable tie.

Hibernian certainly looked the hungrier side in the opening stages and almost scored a bizarre goal after three minutes, when an O'Neill cross was deflected by a defender towards the goal, forcing s fine save by Main, the United goalkeeper.

Main, though, was left with no chance seven minutes later when Jackson struck with a goal fit to win any semi-final. The lively McAllister beat Bollan and fed Jackson, who took the ball in his stride and drilled a low left-foot shot past Main from 20 yards.

The Edinburgh side almost scored a second in the eighteenth minute when it was awarded an indirect free-kick in the penalty area, but O'Neill's shot struck Van Der Hoorn, who was standing on the line.

Hibernian almost made it 2-0 in the 57th minute when Wright pounced on a flick from McAllister but his low shot was turned round the post by Main. A minute later, McLaren thought he had equalised when he guided a header towards the net, but Leighton, the Hibernian goalkeeper, managed to keep the ball out with his right leg. Two further saves from Van Der Hoorn and Dailly ensured the win.

The Hibernian manager, Alex Miller, singled out Leighton after the game. "I felt Jim performed exceptionally well and his save from Freddy Van Der Hoorn came at an important time for us.

"I'm delighted for the club, not only from a financial point of view, but more importantly from a prestige point of view for the players. We're not worried who we get in the final — that'll take care of itself."

Miller also praised Jackson: "We took a slight gamble with Darren as he has been injured for a week, but we thought he was the type of player to break down a system with five defenders. He took his goal well."

The United manager, Ivan Golac, said: "We were by miles the better side and there's no need for the players to be disappointed. A defeat like this is just part of the game and it's important that they lift their heads."

TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

Coca-Cola Cup

Second round, first legs

BARNET (0) 1 QPR (2) 2
Lynch 71
3,569
Ferdinand 27 Barker 35

BARNSLEY (0) 1 PETERBORO (0) 1
Archdeacon 74 (pen)
4,549
Brissett 90
Sent off: Rammell (Barnsley) 22, Spearing (Peterborough) 71

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 ASTON VILLA (0) 1
27,815
Richardson 82

BLACKBURN (1) 1 BOURNEMTH (0) 0
Shearer 33
10,773

BLACKPOOL (2) 3 SHEFF UTD (0) 0
Bamber 22, 37
6,234
Watson 88
Sent off: Littlejohn (Sheff Utd) 29

BOLTON (0) 1 SHEFF WED (0) 1
Kelly 49 (pen)
11,590
Bart-Williams 83

C PALACE (1) 3 CHARLTON (0) 1
Gordon 21
Southgate 49 Whyte 87
9,615
Lisburn 62

GRIMSBY (1) 3 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Dobbin 10
Mendonca 88, 90
2,353

HUDDERSFLD (0) 0 ARSENAL (2) 5
14,275
Wright 3, 89, 82
Campbell 15 Merson 57

IPSWICH (1) 2 CAMBRIDGE (0) 1
Milton 9 Whelton 65
8,654
Claridge 89 (pen)

LINCOLN (1) 3 EVERTON (1) 4
Johnson 17
Rideout 25, 64, 85
Matthews 66 Brown 72
Cottee 51
9,153

MIDDLESBRO (0) 5 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Hignett 15, 39, 41, 43
5,651
Hendrie 52

ROCHDALE (1) 1 LEICESTER (1) 6
Carey (og) 4
Whitlow 37 Walsh 48
4,499
Thompson 61
Oldfield 64 Speedie 89
Ormondroyd 90

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
3,886

SUNDERLND (1) 2 LEEDS (1) 1
Goodman 6 P Gray 81
Speed 31
17,101

SWANSEA (2) 2 OLDHAM (1) 1
Torpey 31 Pascoe 45
Sharp 26
5,056

TRANMERE (1) 5 OXFORD (0) 1
Aldridge 12, 55
Beauchamp 78
Nevin 49, 52, 76
3,473

WATFORD (0) 0 MILLWALL (0) 0
5,954

WREXHAM (0) 3 NOTTM FOR (2) 3
Bennett 53 (pen), 89
Collymore 21, 43, 59
Pasion 70
7,860

GM Vauxhall Conference

SLOUGH (4) 5 YEOVIL (1) 2
Scott 14, 29, 42
Lovegrd 9 Wallace 87
Hazel 21 Flore 90
1,313

Drinkwise Cup

First round, second legs

DOVER (1) 2 MERTHYR (0) 0
Lewarthy 45, 65
867
(Dover won 4-0 on agg)

MACCLESFLD (2) 4 WITTON (1) 1
Allard 19 (pen)
Bolte 18
Astley 27, 76
498
Sharratt 79
(Macclesfield won 6-2 on agg)

RUNCORN (0) 2 SOUTHPORT (1) 1
Lee 72 Thomas 81
Quinlan 9
509
(Runcorn won 5-2 on agg)

TELFORD (1) 2 STALYBRIDGE (0) 1
Whitehouse 16, 68
Locke 89
408
(Stalybridge won 3-2 on agg)

WELLING (2) 2 KETTERING (0) 1
Robbins 1, 23
Thorpe 85
457
(Welling won 2-1 on agg)

Scottish League Cup

Semi-final

DUNDEE U (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (1) 1
19,024
Jackson 10

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting Braga 0, FC Porto 2.

NEVILLE GVENDEN COMBINATION: League Cup: Plymouth 3, Exeter 3.

FA YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP: Leighton 5, Kempston 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 1, Morecambe 2; Droylsden 2, Accrington Stanley 1; Fridley 5, Bishop Auckland 0; Marine 4, Fleetwood 0. Postponed: Chorley v Buxton, Colwyn Bay v Winsford, Knowsley v Horwich, Leek v Matlock, Whitley Bay v Bridlington. First division: Eastwood Town 4, Worksop Town 4, Gretna 1, Netherfield 1; Workington 1, Bamber Bridge 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ossett Town 0, North Ferriby 3; Pickering 1, Brigg 2.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Barrowgh 2, Penrith 2; Boodle 2, Maine Road (Man) 2; Eastwood Hanley 1, Nantwich 1; Flixton 1, Atherton LR 4; Salford C 1, Blackpool Rovers 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth 3, Ferryhill 0; Tow Law 3, Chester-le-Street 1.

FA CHALLENGE TROPHY: First qualifying round replays: Chorley 3, Whitley Bay 1; Harrogate 4, Shildon 2; Knowsley 1, Matlock 1; Colwyn Bay 4, Sutton Coldfield 0; Redditch 2, Atherstone 0; Yeading 2, Berkhamsted 0.

DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP: First round: Aldershot 0, Kingstonian 4; Aylesbury 2 Cheshunt 1 (aet); Barnstead 0, Bishops Stortford 6; Billericay 3, Tring 0; Camberley 1, Maidenhead 3; Chalfont St Peter 1, Leyton 5; Grays 4, Dulwich Hamlet 2; Hendon 2, Boreham Wood 3; Heybridge Swifts 1, Basingstoke 2; Hitchin 4, Uxbridge 3; Horsham 2, Worthing 3 (aet); Leatherhead 1, Staines 3 (aet); Malden Vale 2, Oxford City 3; Metropolitan Police 3, Wokingham 4; Northwood 1, Windsor and Eton 3; St Albans 2 Bromley 1; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Lewes 1, Walton and Hersham 2, Abingdon 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Challenge Cup: First round: Alan Lido 3, Briton Ferry 2; Bangor 0, Flint Town 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Dunstable 0, Bury T 3. Midland division: Tamworth 0, RC Warwick 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol MF 2, Elmore 3; Paulton 1, Minehead 3. First division: Chard 1, Glastonbury 4; Wellington 1, Barnstaple 4.

JEWSON FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth 1, Norwich Utd 2; Halstead 1, Cornard 1; Harwich and Parkeston 2, Stowmarket 1 Histon 1, Tiptree 1; Lowestoft 0, Felixstowe 0; March Town 5, Fakenham 0; Sudbury 0, Haverhill 4, Watton 1, Gorleston 1; Wisbech 1, Diss 2; Wroxham 5, Soham 0. First division: Bury Town 2, Somersham 4; Long Sutton 1, Warboys 3

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Japanese fail to buy Hernando

By Julian Muscat

A BOLD Japanese bid to buy *Hernando*, the *Prix de l'Arc de* Triomphe favourite, has failed and the colt now seems certain to represent owner-breeder, Stavros Niarchos, in the middle-distance championship event in Paris on October 3.

The offer, made on behalf of Japan's illustrious breeders, the Yoshida brothers, was potentially worth in excess of $6million (about £3.9 million) to Niarchos. Under the terms, Niarchos would have leased back his *French Derby winner* for the duration of his racing career. Races on his agenda include the Arc, possibly the Breeders' Cup Turf and the Japan Cup.

An initial $3.5 million down payment, followed by $500,000 extra payments for victories in the Arc and Japan Cup would have been supplemented by *prize-money in* excess of $1.5 million for those two races.

However, Niarchos has elected to retain exclusive ownership of Hernando until at least after the Arc, a race which both he and Hernando's trainer, Francois Boutin, have yet to win.

A victory at Longchamp is *certain to prompt* an increased Japanese offer, given the Yoshidas' enthusiasm for previous winners of the race.

They already own Tony Bin, and Carroll House, Arc winners *in 1988 and 1989 respec*tively, at their Shadni Farms complex on the island of Hokkaido.

In addition, White Muzzle, which they purchased in July, has the Arc in his sights if the ground is not soft.

Shadai encompasses seven separate farms in Japan, where among the 29 resident stallions, are *Dr Devious*, Hector Protector and the American champion, Sunday Silence.

Hernando, rated a 5-2 chance for the Arc by *Ladbrokes and Hills*, will face Opera House, himself sold to Japanese interests by Shaikh Mohammed only last week.

The Niarchos camp will make a decision on Kingmambo's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes participation this afternoon. With the likely soft ground casting doubts on the appearance of many of those declared for Saturday's group one prize, Ladbrokes and Hills have yet to open a book.

Corals, however, have taken the plunge, although with the non-runner, no bet proviso. *They have Sayyedati as their* 9-4 favourite, followed by: 5-2 Kingmambo, 3-1 Bigstone, 8-1 Swing Low and 12-1 Barathea.

Sayyedati herself is not certain to run. Her trainer, Clive Brittain, will walk the course today before making a firm commitment while Luca Cumani, trainer of Barathea, will do likewise.

Barathea, who *sustained* a mild bout of colic earlier this week, will work this morning, after which Cumani heads to Ascot. "After walking the course, I will discuss both the *ground and the quality of* Barathea's work with Anthony Stroud [Shaikh Mohammed's racing manager] before making a decision," the trainer said yesterday.

□ A decision on whether United Racecourses, owners of Epsom, Sandown and Kempton, should be sold has been *deferred until October 12. The* company is a subsidiary of the Levy Board, who decided yesterday to seek further professional advice.

Hernando and Cash Asmussen receive an enthusiastic reception after their French Derby victory at Chantilly

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Safety In Numbers
(4.10 Ascot)
Next best: Earth Summit
(4.15 Perth)

Prince Of Andross to extend sequence

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT
BBC1

2.30: Fraam looks the safest alternative in a tightly-knit handicap. Alex Scott's lightly-raced colt came good at *Doncaster two weeks ago*, when Fourforfun, allowed 7lb, was more than ten lengths in arrears.

The Jeremy Glover-trained dual Cambridgeshire winner, Rambo's Hall, winner of this race 12 months ago, is now 11lb higher in the weights. He is closely matched on an earlier meeting *with Risk Master*, who showed nothing behind Lindon Lime at Newbury on Saturday.

He's A King's only encounter with soft ground saw him defeated, at odds-on, in a Southwell claimer. Just You Dare was a game second in the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot and goes well on the soft, but Lord Chickney, off the course since April, looks the biggest threat.

3.05: Garden Of Heaven would win this easily on his best form, which he hasn't remotely threatened to reproduce this season. Bobzao, much improved, would probably prevail on faster ground, but these conditions are most *favourable to* **Prince Of Andros**, winner of his last four starts. His late thrust, doing just enough, makes him a difficult horse to weigh up, but the form book suggests David Loder's three-year-old colt is still improving and can beat his elders.

3.40: Balaabel can enhance Tom Jones's fine record of winning with unraced juveniles at this track. The progeny of Balaabel's sire, Sadler's Wells, tend to respond to some cut in the ground, and her dam, Muhbubh, was a speedy sort herself.

Luca *Cumani has farmed* this race in the past, so Verdigris must be respected. Island Of Silver's American *pedigree makes her difficult* to assess, but Raknah showed promise when just failing to win on her Yarmouth debut.

BBC2

4.10: Moidart can supplement recent Goodwood gains in a tricky handicap. She holds Encore Une Fois, Star Quest and Iota on that run*ning and should relish this* test of stamina.

The consistent Tilty would prefer faster ground, as would *Lobilio*, while *Bold* Resolution looks in the grip of the handicapper. Safety In Numbers looks on a handy mark after his runaway Lingfield success, but Hierarch, running in the royal *colours, appeals as the* danger.

JULIAN MUSCAT

Erickson suffers decline as rivals hit back

By Robert Kirley

IN 1991, Scott Erickson, of the Minnesota Twins baseball team, won 12 games in a row on the way to 20 victories, leading the club to the World Series championship a season after it had come last.

Two years later, his muscular performances have gone limp. He has won eight games — but no two starts in a row — lost 19 and is on course to be the *first 20-game loser since* 1980. Opponents have a staggering .309 batting average against the 25-year-old right-hander.

"All I can think is that the hitters know him better," Dick Such, the Minnesota pitching coach, said, not altogether convinced he had the answer. "They lay off pitches they used to swing at and wait for him to come up in the strike zone."

Erickson has had elbow and *rib injuries, but, before he* stopped talking to reporters several weeks ago, he said the injuries did not figure in his lack of success.

"I hate to use the word, but his luck has been terrible." Such said. "He never gives up. He's strong mentally, an outstanding trait for any pitcher."

Erickson's team-mate, Dave Winfield, 41, is not struggling. Winfield, who got the 3,000th hit of his career last week, became the fifth player in history with 3,000 hits and 400 home runs. The others, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Stan Musial and Carl Yastrzemski, are all in the Hall of Fame.

The Kansas City Royals manager, Hal McRae, admires the Chicago White Sox slugger, Frank Thomas. "You *put him on this club and we* would run away with [the American League West championship]," McRae said. "He has twice as many runs batted in as anybody on our club. He has twice as many home runs. This guy carries the load. You know every dog has his day, but a big dog has his way. And he's a big dog."

In their first campaign, the Colorado Rockies have broken the major-league record for home attendance, reaching 4,058,587 at the 76,100-capacity Mile High stadium in Denver to surpass the 4,028,318 recorded by *the Toronto Blue* Jays at the SkyDome last year.

Randy Myers, of the Chicago Cubs, broke the National League record for saves in a 6-5 win over the St Louis Cardinals. His 48th save surpassed *the* 47 Lee Smith earned in 1991 for the Cardinals.

National League
East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	92	59	609	–
Montreal	86	64	573	5½
St Louis	82	69	543	10
Chicago	78	74	513	14½
Pittsburgh	70	81	464	22
Florida	62	89	411	30
New York	51	100	338	41

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	97	54	642	–
San Francisco	93	57	620	3½
Houston	79	72	523	18
Los Angeles	77	73	513	19½
Cincinnati	69	83	454	28½
Colorado	63	90	412	35
San Diego	59	93	388	38½

American League
East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	87	63	580	–
New York	83	69	546	5
Baltimore	82	69	543	5½
Boston	77	73	513	10
Detroit	77	74	510	10½
Cleveland	72	80	474	16
Milwaukee	65	87	428	23

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	85	65	567	–
Texas	81	70	536	4½
Kansas City	77	74	510	8½
Seattle	77	74	510	8½
California	68	82	453	17
Minnesota	63	88	417	22½
Oakland	62	88	413	23

Richardson recruited by BHB

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) yesterday appointed Lee Richardson, a senior marketing executive *with Hertz, the car rental* company, to the newly-created post of marketing director (Julian Muscat writes).

Richardson, 36, joins the board on November 1. He is a newcomer to racing administration even though he has visited more than half the country's racecourses as a lifelong enthusiast. The fact that he beat several racing insiders for the £60,000-a-year post is *another example of the BHB's* broad-thinking approach to running the sport.

Richardson's first priority will be to advise the BHB on a framework for the sponsorship of racehorse owners in accordance with Customs & Excise guidelines on the VAT concession. On wider issues, Richardson said he would like to improve racegoers' knowledge of what goes on *behind the scenes in racing.*

"There are few other sports where the opportunity exists to take people into the heart of it," he said yesterday. "Many perceive racing as just a betting medium. We have to show them there's a lot more to it."

ASCOT

THUNDERER
2.30 Rustic Craft
2.30 Fraam
3.05 Prince Of Andross
3.40 Verdigris
4.10 Safety In Numbers
4.40 **AMORET** (nap)
5.10 Arabellajill

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 **JUST YOU DARE** (nap). 4.10 Moidart. 4.40 Amidst.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 **SAFETY IN NUMBERS.**

GOING: SOFT — DRAW: 6F-1M STRAIGHT, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 CLARENCE HOUSE CONDITIONS STAKES
(Colts & geldings: £8,019: 7f) (5 runners)

101 (1) 106210 CELESTIAL KEY 82 (D,F,G) (M Brodrick) S Norton 3-9-2 ... K Darley 84
102 (4) 16-0400 PETARDIA 98 (C,D,F) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 3-8-12 ... M Hills 98
103 (2) 030055 RUSTIC CRAFT 7 (B,C,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 3-8-10 ... R Cochrane 88
104 (5) 2-34035 HUMAM 35 (C,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 ... R Hills ⊞
105 (3) 1-6 SERIOUS 153 (G) (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 3-8-6 ... W R Swinburn 80

BETTING: 5-2 Petardia, 3-1 Humam, 7-2 Rustic Craft, 9-2 Serious, 6-1 Celestial Key

1992: LORD CHICKNEY 164 (S) 3-8-11 S Cauthen (9-2) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CELESTIAL KEY beat Band On The Run ½l in a 4-runner listed race at Haydock on penultimate start (7f, good). PETARDIA's best recent effort came when 8l 4th of 14 to Zafonic in the group I 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good). RUSTIC CRAFT 4¾l 5th of 9 to Sumoto in a conditions race at Lingfield (7f, soft). Previously, short-head 2nd of 10 to Look Who's Here in a handicap at Haydock (6f, good), with CELESTIAL KEY (2lb worse off) 2½l 10th. HUMAM 6l 5th of 11 to Tinners Way in a listed race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good). SERIOUS beat Resist The Force 1½l in a 20-runner maiden at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: HUMAM.

2.30 HOOVER RATED HANDICAP — BBC1
(£9,507: 1m) (8 runners)

201 (6) 560126 RAMBO'S HALL 28 (CD,F,G,S) (B Dixon) J Glover 8-9-7 ... P Robinson 96
202 (2) 16-4 LORD CHICKNEY (C,BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-4 ... M Roberts 88
203 (5) 15-01 FRAAM 12 (D,G,S) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-9-4 ... W R Swinburn ⊞
204 (4) 104550 RISK MASTER 5 (D,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-8-13 ... D Holland 98
205 (3) 411410 FOURFORFUN 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Knipe) R Hannon 3-8-7 ... B Raymond 98
206 (1) 121222 JUST YOU DARE 90 (D,BF,G,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 3-8-4 G Duffield 94
207 (8) 1-20040 HOST 26 (F,S) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-7 ... B Doyle (3) 90
208 (7) 263011 HE'S A KING 45 (D,F,G) (Lady Swaythling) J Dunlop 3-8-3 ... L Dettori 97

Long handicap: Host 8-2 (Minimum weight 3-Y-O 8-3, 4-Y-O+ 8-7).

BETTING: 3-1 Fraam, Rambo's Hall, 6-1 Lord Chickney, 7-1 Fourforfun, Just You Dare, 8-1 Risk Master, 10-1 He's A King, 20-1 Host

1992: RAMBO'S HALL 7-8-12 Dean McKeown (9-2 jt-fav) J Glover 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAMBO'S HALL 2l 3rd of 6 to Alderbrook in a handicap here on penultimate start (1m 2f, good to soft), with RISK MASTER (1lb better off) ½l 4th. FRAAM beat Beauchamp Hero 1l in a 14-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m, soft), with FOURFORFUN (7lb better off) 11l 10th. FOURFORFUN beat Awestrike ¾l in a 15-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m, good). JUST YOU DARE ½l 2nd of 6 to Persansky in a handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). HOST 5½l 4th of 10 to Peter Davies in a handicap at Sandown on penultimate start (1m, good to firm). HE'S A KING beat Croire ¾l in a 6-runner handicap at Leicester (1m, good to firm).
Selection: HE'S A KING.

3.05 HOOVER CUMBERLAND LODGE STAKES — BBC1
(Group III: £28,080: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

301 (3) 31-0405 GARDEN OF HEAVEN 97 (D,G,S) (B Vosk) C Brittain 4-9-5 ... M Roberts 89
302 (4) 604030 LUCKY LINDY 19 (S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-9-5 ... Pat Eddery 90
303 (2) 300-134 ROLL A DOLLAR 111 (C,D,F,G) (K Higson) D Elsworth 7-9-3 ... B Rouse 91
304 (1) 0-02112 BOBZAO 19 (D,F,G,S) (T Mills) T Mills 4-9-0 ... J Reid ⊞
305 (5) 101232 MUHAYAA 15 (C,G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 92
306 (6) 21111 PRINCE OF ANDROS 13 (D,F,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 3-8-5 ... L Dettori 98

BETTING: 13-8 Bobzao, 5-2 Prince Of Andros, 11-2 Muhayaa, 7-1 Lucky Lindy, 10-1 Roll A Dollar, 12-1 Garden Of Heaven.

1992: OPERA HOUSE 4-9-5 S Cauthen (9-4 fav) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GARDEN OF HEAVEN's best recent effort came when 5¼l 4th of 7 to George Augustus in the group II Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh (1m 2f, yielding).
LUCKY LINDY 1l 3rd of 7 to Urban Sea in the group III Prix Gontaut-Biron at Deauville on penultimate start (1m 2f, good). ROLL A DOLLAR 8l 4th of 6 to Welsh Mill in a handicap at Epsom (1m 4f, good). BOBZAO neck 2nd of 9 to Spartan Shareef in the group III September Stakes at Kempton (1m 3f, good), with LUCKY LINDY about 13l 7th. MUHAYAA 4l 2nd of 8 to Jeune Homme in a listed race at Longchamp (1m 2f, good to firm). PRINCE OF ANDROS beat Way To My Heart ½l in an 8-runner listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: PRINCE OF ANDROS (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	3	12	25.0	J Weaver	3	10	30.0
C Cyzer	4	19	21.1	Pat Eddery	50	234	21.4
Lord Huntingdon	15	72	20.8	L Dettori	27	190	14.2
M Johnston	5	26	19.2	W R Swinburn	23	164	14.0
J Gosden	16	88	18.2	W Carson	28	234	12.0
G Wragg	12	66	18.2	A Munro	13	115	11.3

3.40 BLUE SEAL CONDITIONS STAKES — BBC1
(2-Y-O fillies: £10,233: 6f) (9 runners)

401 (1) BALAABEL (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 ... R Hills –
402 (4) ISLAND OF SILVER (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8 ... M Roberts –
403 (5) MUTINIQUE (Mrs J Bedser) J Long 8-8 ... R Price –
404 (2) 2 RAKNAH 7 (J Abdullah) B Hanbury 8-8 ... B Raymond ⊞
405 (6) SOUND OF THE BLUES (B Lalemant) R Hannon 8-8 ... Pat Eddery –
406 (7) TABLAH (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-8 ... W Carson –
407 (8) TZU'MU (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-8 ... M Hills –
408 (9) VERDIGRIS (G Leigh) L Cumani 8-8 ... R Cochrane –
409 (3) ZILZILAH (B Mussalah) J Fanshawe 8-8 ... W R Swinburn –

BETTING: 2-1 Verdigris, 3-1 Balaabel, 5-1 Raknah, 7-1 Island Of Silver, 8-1 Tzu'mu, 10-1 others

1992: QUEENS VIEW 8-8 L Dettori (10-1) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAKNAH short-head 2nd of 8 to Glimpse in a maiden at Yarmouth (6f, good to soft). BALAABEL (foaled Mar 8) is by Sadler's Wells. Dam was a dual 6f juvenile winner, including group III Princess Margaret Stakes. VERDIGRIS (Mar 7) first foal by Green Desert. Dam is a daughter of Last Feather who won over 7f and 3rd in the Oaks.
Selection: RAKNAH

4.10 GORDON CARTER HANDICAP — BBC2
(£12,135: 2m 45yd) (15 runners)

501 (9) 0-15043 ENCORE UNE FOIS 12 (D,F,G,S) (S & G Gutter) M Johnston 4-9-10 ... L Dettori 92
502 (4) 460438 STAR PLAYER 15 (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 7-9-10 ... J Williams 95
503 (1) 225040 DURSHAN 36 (F,G) (BonusPrint) J Jenkins 4-9-6 ... J Reid 94
504 (13) 011120 BOLD RESOLUTION 22 (CD,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 92
505 (11) 021303 CHAKALAK 43 (D,F,G) (P Chakko) S Dow 5-9-4 ... T Quinn 88
506 (2) 063020 WESTERN DYNASTY 15 (F,G,S) (M Kentish) M Ryan 7-9-4 ... P McCabe (7) 93
507 (6) 360260 HIERARCH 15 (V,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-1 ... W R Swinburn 92
508 (14) 311-000 IOTA 12 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-1 ... M Roberts 87
509 (5) 124321 MOIDART 12 (D,S) (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 3-9-1 ... A Munro 90
510 (15) 014501 LOBILIO 23 (V,F,G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-0 B Doyle (3) 94
511 (10) 236433 DOYCE 13 (G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 4-8-11 ... W Carson 92
512 (12) 3143 RITTO 66 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-10 ... D Holland 91
513 (3) 000020 ASSEMBLY DANCER 6J (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 6-8-4 ... N Adams 83
514 (8) 651331 TILTY 37 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Cock) R Hannon 3-8-4 ... K Darley 91
515 (7) 222221 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 7 (S) (E Cohen) Lady Herries 3-8-0 (4ex) ... J Quinn ⊞

BETTING: 7-2 Safety In Numbers, 6-1 Bold Resolution, Moidart, 10-1 Ritto, 12-1 Doyce, Iota, 14-1 Encore Une Fois, Lobilio, Tilty, 16-1 Durshan, Hierarch, Western Dynasty. 25-1 others.

1992: BOLD RESOLUTION 4-7-12 M Roberts (5-1 fav) C Cyzer 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHAKALAK head 3rd of 9 to Sun Grebe in a handicap at Beverley (2m, good to firm). MOIDART beat Bardolph 2l in an 11-runner handicap at Goodwood (2m, good to soft), with ENCORE UNE FOIS (8lb better off) 2¼l 3rd and IOTA (10lb better off) 11½l 9th. LOBILIO beat Fools Errand 3l in a 9-runner apprentice's race at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm). DOYCE 5l 3rd of 9 to First Bid in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft). TILTY beat Mr Copyforce 4l in an 8-runner apprentice's handicap at Folkestone (2m 93yd, good to firm). SAFETY IN NUMBERS beat Harlestone Brook 8l in an 11-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m 6f, soft).
Selection: MOIDART

4.40 GOLDEN GATES NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £9,162: 6f) (11 runners)

601 (11) 026121 DOLLAR GAMBLE 12 (F,G) (J Leah) R Hannon 9-7 ... Mark Denaro (7) 89
602 (8) 5521 STORM SHIP 17 (D,F) (J Strauss) A Scott 9-1 ... B Raymond 87
603 (7) 430104 CHICKAWICKA 20 (D,S) (Merthyr Tydfil Car Auction Ltd) B Millman 9-0 R Cochrane 91
604 (10) 616423 ALZIANAH 8 (G) (Shaikh Amin Dahlawi) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-13 ... L Dettori 68
605 (5) 3311 AMIDST 20 (D,G) (Sir Evelyn De Rothschild) M Stoute 8-13 ... Paul Eddery 92
606 (2) 03351 ROYALE FIGURINE 5 (S) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 (7ex) ... W R Swinburn 94
607 (6) 540313 HELLO MISTER 5 (S) (B Maters) J O'Donoghue 8-9 (7ex) ... P McCabe (7) 92
608 (9) 1411 AMORET 9 (D,F,S) (W Whitaker) P Haslam 8-9 (7ex) ... J Weaver ⊞
609 (3) 004163 DANCING LAWYER 38 (D,G) (Vintage Services Ltd) B Meehan 8-8 ... B Doyle (3) 85
610 (1) 305 NOBLE SPIRIT 17 (P Howell) R Hannon 8-7 ... A McGlone 85
611 (4) 632421 ASKING FOR ACES 16 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) N Callaghan 8-2 ... W Carson 89

BETTING: 5-1 Amoret, 6-1 Amidst, 7-1 Dollar Gamble, 8-1 Royale Figurine, Storm Ship, 10-1 others.

1992: YOURS BY RIGHT 8-8 A Tucker (9-1) W G M Turner 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOLLAR GAMBLE beat Gold Land 1½l in a 7-runner conditions race at Chepstow (5f, good). STORM SHIP beat Frisky Miss 2l in an 8-runner maiden at Hamilton (6f, firm). AMIDST beat Domino Queen head in a 12-runner nursery at Kempton (6f, good), with CHICKAWICKA (3lb better off) 1¾l 4th and HELLO MISTER (2lb worse off) about 10¾l 8th. ROYAL FIGURINE beat Grave Edge 3l in a 10-runner nursery at Newbury (5f, good to soft), with HELLO MISTER (7lb better off) a short-head 3rd. HELLO MISTER beat Daily Star 1½l in a 7-runner nursery at Sandown (5f, soft), with ALZIANAH (6lb better off) 1½l 3rd. AMORET beat Tachia 5l in a 9-runner nursery at Yarmouth (7f, soft). ASKING FOR ACES beat Secondus 1½l in a 6-runner maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to firm), with HELLO MISTER (2lb worse off) 1l 3rd.
Selection: ROYAL FIGURINE

5.10 BISHOPSGATE APPRENTICE CONDITIONS STAKES
(Fillies & mares: £4,230: 7f) (5 runners)

1 (1) 200351 BALLASECRET 12 (F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-9-6 ... D Meredith 91
2 (5) 261150 NEITHER NOR 5 (D,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-9-1 ... D McCabe 84
3 (4) 1 MEADOW PIPIT 17 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-13 ... P McCabe (3) 78
4 (2) 630400 ARABELLAJILL 5 (F,G) (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 4-8-12 ... Mark Denaro (3) ⊞
5 (3) 141443 WINGED VICTORY 24 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-11 ... D Griffiths (5) 91

BETTING: 2-1 Winged Victory, 11-4 Meadow Pipit, 100-30 Arabellajill, 9-2 Ballasecret, 10-1 Neither Nor

1992: MRS FISHER 3-8-2 J Weaver (6-5 fav) M Prescott 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLASECRET beat Born To Be neck in a 22-runner handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft), with NEITHER NOR (5lb worse off) about 1l 5th. NEITHER NOR 9½l 15th of 29 to Sobering Thoughts in a handicap at Ayr (6f, good to firm). MEADOW PIPIT beat Keston Pond 1½l in a 9-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m, firm). ARABELLAJILL 3l 7th of 29 to Hard To Figure in a handicap at Ayr (6f, good to firm). WINGED VICTORY 2½l 3rd of 5 to Queen's View in a conditions race at Chepstow (7f, good to firm).
Selection: ARABELLAJILL

TAUNTON

THUNDERER
2.20 Sudanor. 2.50 Among Friends. 3.20 Taunting. 3.50 Talaton Flyer. 4.20 Athar. 4.50 Beat The Bagman.

GOING: FIRM — SIS

2.20 BROADWAY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,689: 2m 3f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 54F2 CORNISH COSSACK 8 D Barons 6-11-0 ... Mr G Sheridan (7)
2 05 DAUNTLESS KNIGHT 13 P Hobbs 5-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs
3 PP-3 GILBERT 15 D Carey 5-11-0 ... A Flannigan (7)
4 P20- JELLY MORTON 245 M Williams 8-11-0 ... N Mann
5 4- MAC THE BAT 115 W Murphy (Ire) 5-11-0 ... D Meade (7)
6 0-04 NEW STATESMAN 13 C Barwell 5-11-0 ... B Clifford
7 5FP- RIVER RED 182 J White 7-11-0 ... A Maguire
8 6UP/0 TINKLING STAR 8 A Chamberlain 9-11-0 ... B Powell
9 -345 WILL'S BOUNTY 13 (F) J Colston 10-11-0 ... Mr A Phillips (7)
10 3 SUDANOR 29 B Millman 4-10-12 ... N Hawke
11 ANNABEL'S BABY 17F D Wintle 4-10-7 ... R Davis (5)

5-2 River Red, 100-30 Sudanor, 5-1 Dauntless Knight, 11-2 Cornish Cossack, 8-1 Mac The Bat, 10-1 Jelly Morton, 12-1 New Statesman, Annabel's Baby, 14-1 Will's Bounty, 16-1 Gilbert, 33-1 Tinkling Star

2.50 WILLIAM STANSELL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,866: 3m) (6)

1 5-14 MAJOR MATCH 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) T Forster 11-11-10 ... H Davies
2 3111 KILLULA CHIEF 14 (F,G,S) J O'Shea 6-10-9 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 BP-43 AMONG FRIENDS 12 (C,G) G Balding 8-10-6 ... R Davis (5)
4 3113 TOUCHING STAR 12 (V,D,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-2 M Hourigan (3)
5 4UP- POWDER BOY 132 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 8-10-0 ... R Dunwoody
6 0/P4 MARLBOROUGH LADY 15 (F) Mrs A Knight 7-10-0 S Burrough

7-4 Killula Chief, 3-1 Among Friends, 7-2 Major Match, 9-2 Touching Star, 10-1 Powder Boy, 33-1 Marlborough Lady

3.20 TAUNTON CASTLE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,763: 2m 1f) (14)

1 P DARKTOWN STRUTTER 8 (B) R Frost 7-11-0 ... S McNeill
2 HONEY'S FORTUNE 1158F R Tucker 6-11-0 ... N Hawke
3 4P JUVENARA 15 A Forbes 7-11-0 ... T Eley (5)
4 00-F SEASIDE MINSTREL 42 (B) R Manning 5-11-0 A Flannigan (7)
5 P/0- TAUNTING 6F M Blanshard 5-11-0 ... D Gallagher
6 000 THARIF 26 C Popham 5-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
7 PPP- WILL BONNY 161 W G M Turner 6-11-0 ... T Murphy (7)
8 RU-R ELWAZIR 12 D Marks 4-10-12 ...
9 P MASRUR 12 D Marks 4-10-12 ... J McCarthy (5)
10 08- SHALOU 10F R Hodges 4-10-12 ... R Dunwoody
11 3/30 LONDON EXPRESS 31 P Hobbs 9-10-9 ... Peter Hobbs
12 0-04 ALTO PRINCESS 12 A Jones 4-10-7 ... H Davies
13 53-3 COOCHIE 26 (B) R Baker 4-10-7 ... L Harvey
14 3-42 MISTY VIEW 15 (BF) J White 4-10-7 ... P McLoughlin (7)

5-2 Taunting, 3-1 Misty View, 5-1 Shalou, 13-2 London Express, 8-1 Alto Princess, 10-1 Coochie, 12-1 Juvenara, Tharif, 16-1 Seaside Minstrel, 20-1 others.

3.50 GRUNWICK NOVICES CHASE
(£2,450: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 2013 WINDSOR PARK 19 (D,F) K Bridgwater 7-11-7 ... R Dunwoody
2 433- CELTIC CATCH 194 (F) J Bosley 7-11-2 ... M Bosley
3 PF-B COUNTY CONTRACTOR 26 C Popham 6-11-2 ... S McNeill
4 0P0- MARCHMAN 13F (F) J King 8-11-2 ... J R Kavanagh
5 RU0- MUSIC BOX 252 (G,S) R Hodges 7-11-2 ... I Lawrence
6 P0- NUCLEAR EXPRESS 16F D Burchell 6-11-2 ... W Knox
7 2-45 SHUTAFUT 12 (B) T Forster 7-11-2 ... A Maguire
8 46-P5 TALATON FLYER 13 (F) P Hobbs 7-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs
9 006- TARMON 183 (F) (B) A Barrow 5-11-0 ... W Irvine
10 P56- FREE EXPRESSION 126 Mrs E Brooks 8-10-11 ... N Hawke

9-4 Windsor Park, 7-2 Marchman, 5-1 Shutafut, 11-2 Celtic Catch, 7-1 Talaton Flyer, 10-1 Music Box, 14-1 Tarmon, 16-1 Free Expression, 20-1 others.

4.20 SUMMERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,696: 2m 1f) (10)

1 114- NOCATCHIM 19F (B,F,G,S) S Sherwood 4-12-0 ... J Osborne
2 23F- MIDNIGHT STRIKE 126 (B,C,D,F,S) M Williams 9-10-7 ... W McFarland
3 215- HIDDEN OATS 124 (F,S) Miss C Johnsey 6-10-5 ... B Powell
4 4-F3 TEL E THON 10 (B,D,BF,F,G) P Jones 6-10-4 ... D Leahy (5)
5 -311 CLEEVELAND LADY 13 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 6-10-4 ... R Dunwoody
6 1121 ATHAR 14 (D,F,S) R Baker 4-10-3 ... L Harvey
7 232/ WOLVER GOLD 553 (C,F) B Palling 6-10-0 ... C Maude
8 00-1 VA UTU 22 (D,F,G) M Channon 5-10-0 ... Lorna Vincent
9 510/ SPRING TO GLORY 8F (C,F) P Hayward 6-10-0 ... A Procter
10 U333 DARING CLASS 8 (D,F) P Rodford 7-10-0 ... T Thompson (7)

5-2 Cleeveland Lady, 7-2 Nocatchim, 4-1 Athar, 11-2 Va Utu, 9-1 Tel E Thon, 10-1 Midnight Strike, 14-1 Hidden Oats, 25-1 others.

4.50 WIVELISCOMBE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,815: 2m 1f) (14)

1 12 BEAT THE BAGMAN 29 (F) J Akehurst 11-3 ... L Harvey
2 14 ITS UNBELIEVABLE 29 (D,F) J White 11-3 ... A Maguire
3 C D SHAREPLAN 69F M Channon 10-12 ... Lorna Vincent
4 MUSICAL PHONE 10F C Popham 10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 SABO'S EXPRESS 27F D Wintle 10-12 ... W Marston (3)
6 SHARED GOLD J Bosley 10-12 ... M Bosley
7 3 STAR MINSTREL 29 M McCormack 10-12 ... M Perrett
8 GREEN CHILI 13F J Hills 10-7 ... J Osborne
9 HOMEMAKER 10F P Murphy 10-7 ... E Byrne
10 IS SHE QUICK 90F Mrs P Dutfield 10-7 ... N Dawe
11 LOVE IN THE MIST 105F M Pipe 10-7 ... R Dunwoody
12 MERCH FACH 49F B Palling 10-7 ... C Maude
13 STANFORD AVENUE 489F B Forsey 10-7 ... M Richards
14 WESSHAUN 14F W G M Turner 10-7 ... R Darke (7)

9-4 Love In The Mist, 3-1 Beat The Bagman, 5-1 It's Unbelievable, 7-1 Star Minstrel, 8-1 Homemaker, 12-1 Green Chili, 16-1 Wesshaun, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 49 winners from 167 runners, 29.3%, J King, 3 from 13, 23.1%, D Barons, 5 from 28, 17.9%, P Hobbs, 7 from 61, 11.5%, R Hodges, 18 from 162, 11.1%, G Balding, 3 from 29, 10.3%.
JOCKEYS: J Kavanagh, 3 from 10, 30.0%, M Hourigan, 3 from 13, 23.1%, M Richards, 7 from 32, 21.9%, N Mann, 8 from 37, 21.6%, S Burrough, 10 from 67, 14.9%, M A Fitzgerald, 10 from 68, 14.7%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 2.00 Rustic Craft, 4.10 Hierarch

PERTH

THUNDERER
2.15 Merry Nutkin. 2.45 Boarding School. 3.15 Wanza. 3.45 Dawadar. 4.15 Scottish Gold. 4.45 Kano Warrior.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE) — SIS
GOOD TO FIRM (HURDLES)

2.15 HIGHLAND SPRING NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,739: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 604- DONEGAL STYLE 187 J Johnson 5-11-0 ... B Storey
2 50-3 FLING IN SPRING 6F (V) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-0 P Williams (5)
3 0- JOHNS THE BOY 210 N Mason 7-11-0 ... J Supple (7)
4 23F- LIME STREET 196 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 ... D Bridgwater
5 MERRY NUTKIN 24F Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 ... P Niven
6 00P- RED TEMPEST 133 J Goldie 5-11-0 ... F Perratt (7)
7 P- SEE WHAT I MEAN 315 R Collins 6-11-0 ... A Thornton (3)
8 /6P0- BLUEBELL TRACK 231 (B) V Thompson 7-10-9 ... A Merrigan
9 20- SHUT UP 373 F Allan 4-10-7 ... A Orkney

13-8 Merry Nutkin, 5-2 Lime Street, 7-1 Donegal Style, 10-1 others

2.45 PERTHSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,078: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 133- GRANGE BRAKE 149 (B,C,D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-12-0 ... D Bridgwater
2 3U2- NIGHT GUEST 115 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 11-11-3 A Dobbin (3)
3 321- BOARDING SCHOOL 110 (D,F,G,S) C Parker 6-11-0 ... B Storey
4 0-21 ABSAILOR 24 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-2 ... P Williams (5)

7-4 Absailor, 5-2 Grange Brake, 3-1 Night Guest, 4-1 Boarding School

3.15 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE
(3-Y-O: £2,221: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 1 WANZA 31 (D,F) M Hammond 11-4 ... C Grant
2 521 ON GOLDEN POND 9 (G) G Moore 10-13 ... N Bentley (3)
3 33 BONUS POINT 19 Mrs M Reveley 10-12 ... P Niven
4 F TAYBRIDGE TOSH 33 (B) T Dyer 10-12 ... L Wyer
5 DEMILUNE 96F N Twiston-Davies 10-8 ... D Bridgwater

7-4 Wanza, 9-4 On Golden Pond, 3-1 Bonus Point, 9-2 others.

3.45 HIGHLAND SPRING SCOTTISH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,355: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 214- PERSUASIVE 6F (C,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-11-10 ... Mr M Buckley (5)
2 514- DAWADAR 175 (D,F,G) J Goldie 6-11-0 ... F Perratt (7)
3 641- HAZEL LEAF 133 (C,S) R McDonald 7-10-0 ... R Hodge
4 32-4 MASTER OF THE ROCK 5 (V,G,S) Mrs P Barker 4-10-0 ... C Hawkins

5-4 Dawadar, 7-4 Persuasive, 5-1 Master Of The Rock, 6-1 Hazel Leaf

4.15 FAULDS ADVERTISING NOVICES CHASE
(£2,723: 3m) (7)

1 022- CLARE LAD 116 (F,G,S) R Allan 10-11-4 ... B Storey
2 P0-U CLONADRUM 33 (G) T Dyer 9-11-4 ... L Wyer
3 P0-1 SCOTTISH GOLD 9 (F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-11-4 ... G McCourt
4 P433 SECOND ATTEMPT 20 B Mactaggart 9-11-4 ... A Merrigan
5 DROMIN Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-0 ... C Grant
6 100- EARTH SUMMIT 143 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 D Bridgwater
7 536- CELTIC WATERS 148 Mrs D Thomson 8-10-13 ... C Dennis

2-1 Scottish Gold, 11-4 Clare Lad, 4-1 Celtic Waters, 9-2 Earth Summit, 6-1 Second Attempt, 20-1 Clonadrum, Dromin

4.45 TRAVAIL GROUP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,221: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 03-2 GATHERING TIME 9 (D,BF,G,S) J Johnson 7-12-0 ... D J Moffatt
2 1064- CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 226 (F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-11-2 ... P Waggott
3 P46- SILVER HELLO 140 (F,G) Miss L Perratt 7-11-1 ... P Williams
4 16-2 KANO WARRIOR 13 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12 ... V Slattery
5 34-3 IT'S A PRY 9 (B,S) Mrs E Moscrop 12-10-0 ... E Husband

7-4 Kano Warrior, 11-4 Gathering Time, 4-1 Charlotte's Emma, 5-1 It's A Pry, 11-2 Silver Hello

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Twiston-Davies, 5 winners from 6 runners, 83.3%, Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 32, 40.6%, M Hammond, 15 from 51, 29.4%, Miss L Perratt, 9 from 36, 25.0%, P Monteith, 12 from 59, 20.3%, G Moore, 9 from 53, 17.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Niven, 20 wins from 66 rides, 30.3%, G McCourt, 15 from 62, 24.2%, A Thornton, 3 from 14, 21.4%, C Grant, 16 from 90, 17.8%, R Hodge, 4 from 27, 14.8%, L Wyer, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Brighton
Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 213yd) 1, Shepherd Market (R Price, 4-1); 2, Bagshot (15-8 fav); 3, Seasacan (33-1). 14 ran. NR: Kiyas. 5l, 1½l. R Armstrong. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £1.50, £6.60. DF: £4.12. CSF: £10.64.
2.30 (6f 209yd) 1, Candi Das (D Harrison, 16-1); 2, Make The Break (12-1); 3, Waddle (66-1). Tutu Sadyon 8-11 fav. 15 ran. NR: The First, Holly St Germaine, Musical Score. ¾l, 2l. G Pritchard-Gordon. Tote: £15.00; £2.30, £4.30, £9.60. DF: £237.90. CSF: £150.55.
3.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Scorched Air (M Hills, 5-1); 2, Green (9-1); 3, Funny Hilarious. Dancing Trailhee 2-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Highland Spirit. Nk, nk. J Hills. Tote: £12.10; £2.90, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £31.60. CSF: £57.59.
3.30 (5f 213yd) 1, Baliah Shack (Paul Eddery, 3-1); 2, Double Down (5-2 fav); 3, Hong. 3-1. 8 ran. 2½l, 1l. G Lewis. Tote: £3.30; £3.50, £1.10. DF: £14.20. CSF: £7.21.
4.00 (5f 209yd) 1, Unveiled (S Drowne, 20-1); 2, Grand Bud (11-1); 3, Dispast (9-1). 4. Panchellita 7-1 jt-fav. 18 ran. R Hodges. Tote: £46.90; £6.00, £2.10, £6.40. DF: £186.30. Trio: £319.90. CSF: £318.13. Tricast: £1,944.97.
4.30 (7f 214yd) 1, Carelaman (J Reid, 5-1); 2, *Fitzcarraldo (2-1 fav)*; 3, Bank (8-1). 9 ran. 3l, 6l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.60; £1.80, £1.10, £4.20. DF: £10.10. CSF: £14.83.
5.00 (7f 214yd) 1, Kingchip Boy (P McCabe, 5-1); 2, Aitch N'Bee (9-1); 3, *Lakab* (20-1). Court Minstrel 4-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Belmoredean, Yunus Emre. Nk, 1½l. M Ryan. Tote: £5.40; £1.50, £2.40, £6.50. DF: £13.40. Trio: £249.70. CSF: £48.07. Tricast: £761.81. Placepot: £1,841.90.

Perth
Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 110yd) 1, Twist 'N' Scu (D Bridgwater, 13-2); 2, *Major Troop (33-1)*; 3, The Patters Magic (2-1). Shannon King 10-11 fav. 6 ran. NR: Swift Conveyance. ¾l, sh hd. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.70; £2.40, £4.50. DF: £65.50. CSF: £97.42.
2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, *Capital Punishment* (C Grant, 3-1); 2, Book of Runes (10-11 fav); 3, Tartan Tradewinds (7-2). 9 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. M Hammond. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £1.10, £1.20. DF: £3.10. CSF: £6.24.
3.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Beaucadeau (A Dobbin, 3-1); 2, Persuasive (7-4 fav); 3, Flowing River (9-1). 10 ran. NR: Master Of The House, Sradara. 7l, hd. M Barnes. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £8.70. CSF: £8.64. *Tricast*: £39.94.
3.50 (3m ch) 1, Over The Deel (B Storey, 12-1); 2, Ru Valentino (6-4 fav); 3, Off The Bru (8-1). 8 ran. Nk, ¾l. J Johnson. Tote: £20.70; £2.50, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £53.20. CSF: £29.08. Tricast: £111.47.
4.20 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Exarch (D Bridgwater, 5-2); 2, Stingray City (2-5 fav); 3, Tipperary Rose (8-1). 3 ran. NR: Devil's Soul. 15l, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.88.
4.50 (2m ch) 1, Algari (M Moloney, 3-1); 2, Positive Action (6-1); 3, Strong Fancy (14-1). Sonsie Mo 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, sh hd. G Richards. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £19.60. CSF: £19.42. Tricast: £193.21.
5.20 (1m 5f 110yd) 1, Three Strong (D J Moffatt, 8-1); 2, *Topping Tom* (6-5 fav); 3, Ord Gallery (6-1). 11 ran. 4l, 2½l. J Johnson. Tote: £10.20; £2.90, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £10.10. CSF: £15.14.
Placepot: £226.10.

Southwell
Going: good (chase course) standard (hurdles)

2.10 *(2m hdle)* 1, Blazon Of Troy (S Smith Eccles, 3-1); 2, Well Appointed (11-4 fav); 3, Early Drinker (9-2). 10 ran. 5l, 12l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £4.40; £2.10, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £7.60. CSF: £10.79.
2.40 *(2m 2f hdle)* 1, Have A Nightcap (J A Harris, 100-30 fav); 2, Burn Bridge (9-2); 3, Green's Seago (15-2). 10 ran. ¾l, 5l. J Harris. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £8.70. CSF: £17.58. Tricast: £94.63. No bid.
3.10 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Height Of Fun (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2); 2, Ard T'Match (5-1). Counterbid 10-11 fav. 4 ran (only two finished). 15l. C Popham. Tote: £3.70. DF: £7.40. CSF: £16.07.
3.40 (2m ch) 1, Keep Sharp (L Wyer, 11-8 fav); 2, Bardecan (2-1); 3, *Week-day Cross* (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Brown Sauce. 2½l, 30l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £3.30. CSF: £4.75.
4.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Tigers Pet (M Hourigan, 11-2); 2, Secret Summit (9-2); 3, *Clever Folly (4-1). Red Under The Bed* 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 4l, 25l. W Bissill. Tote: £3.80; £1.20, £1.90. DF: £11.40. CSF: £26.07.
4.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Elitee-Ess (A Maguire, 12-1); 2, Red Cardinal (8-1); 3, Salul (15-8 fav). *5 ran*. 3½l, 20l. *R Weaver. Tote*: £7.70; £2.60, £3.60. DF: £16.90. CSF: £74.00.
Placepot: £902.50.

□ Peter Niven rode his first winner in Ireland when Deep Bramble won the Guinness Kerry National at Listowel yesterday.

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Watson and Gallacher have much in common despite contrasting backgrounds

Integrity the byword for two captains of honour

John Hopkins compares the men who will lead the Ryder Cup teams into battle at The Belfry

IAN STEWART

Watson, whose preparation has been as rigorous as when capturing the coveted trophy two years ago

CONSIDERING Tom Watson and Bernard Gallacher were born into different social backgrounds on different continents, they have a surprising *amount in common.*

Born within seven months of each other in 1949, one comes from an industrial, working-class town in Scotland and the other from a middle-class section of a town in the mid-west of the United States.

Not the least of their similarities is that their fathers both worked in insurance — Gallacher's selling policies for the Pru, Watson's insuring the homes and affairs of his friends at the Kansas City country club.

It is not that there is much *that is American about* Gallacher but, rather, that Watson, in some ways, is more British than the British. He is a traditionalist, one who understands that a purpose of golf is to test your honesty and integrity as much as your skill and courage. Play hard and play to the limit, but abide by the rules. That is Gallacher's creed, too.

The Scot was brought up in a hard school. So was Watson, who began playing golf with his father and his father's friends at the Kansas City country club. One of the men was known as Hook because he tended to. When young Watson found his ball in a bad lie, Hook would say sternly: "play it."

Of whom was this said: "He *gives you the feeling that no* matter how well you know him and how much he likes you, you won't get a free drop unless it's correct"? The answer is Gallacher but it could just as easily have been *Watson.*

Who said: "Play the ball as it lies and if you can't, do what is fair and equitable"? The answer is Watson but it might have been Gallacher.

Who said: "I am serious. I don't say much on the golf course. I am out there to concentrate and do my best. Basically I am a shy person. I am not out there to be a comedian."? It was Watson but it could just as easily have been Gallacher.

Who said: "I wrote to him after his appointment, congratulated him and said we have a duty to make sure the match is played in the right spirit."? *It could have been* Watson, because, in the past few months, he has talked a lot about the spirit of this event. In fact, it was Gallacher.

Let us imagine a dinner table set for Tom and Linda *Watson and Bernard and* Lesley Gallacher. Both men would be smartly dressed. Watson in the clothes of the American country club *habitué*: blazer, chinos, buckskin shoes, a striped club tie and a button-down shirt. Gallacher would favour power-shouldered suits by a big-name designer, tasselled loafers, silk tie.

Watson would choose the wine for dinner. His older brother, Ridge, is in the wine trade in California. They would compare their children as parents always do — Meg and Michael Watson, 13 and 11, and Kirsty, Jamie and Laura Kate Gallacher, 17, 16 and 6. They might also comment on the length of their marriages — 18 years for the Gallachers, *20 for the* Watsons.

Perhaps the men would reminisce about their Ryder Cup appearances — four for Watson compared with Gallacher's eight. Gallacher would *probably want to forget their* encounter in 1983, his last appearance and Watson's penultimate. Gallacher, one down with two holes to play and the match result depending on their encounter, lost the short 17th to a bogey four.

Soon though, the discussion would turn to politics. Gallacher is a Tory. "I voted Conservative at the last election. I think Mrs Thatcher is wonderful. She is one of us. I am a great supporter of hers."

Watson is said to have been the only American professional *golfer to have voted Demo*crat but has lately switched to the Grand Old Party, the Republicans. "It's true what someone once said," Watson said. "If you are not a liberal when you are 18, you have no heart. *If you are not a Conser*vative when you are 38, you have no brains."

Gallacher: no-nonsense

Gallacher talks in clean, crisp, no-nonsense sentences, uttered in a gravelly voice. Watson is quieter yet intellectually more rigorous. He did, after all, get a degree in psychology from Stanford University and is one of the few American pro golfers who did not attend university on a golf scholarship.

His conversations can resemble his putting on a poor *day, stuttering and meander*ing. He struggles to find the right word. Gallacher tells jokes. Watson tells stories.

The wives are fierce in their support of their husbands. Watch Watson hole an impor*tant putt and the lady with the* black hair and fiery eyes who applauds loudly and shouts her support as she leaps from her shooting stick will be his wife, Linda.

Lesley Gallacher is no less loyal, though she is certainly less vocal. When a British golf writer suggested that Gallacher's eighth Ryder Cup was one appearance too many, he received one of the most robustly-phrased letters of his sporting life from Lesley Gallacher. These women obey *Tammy Wynette: they stand* by their men, these men who are so similar in many ways.

Gallacher, being born in an iron and steel town that was later the site of a BMC car *plant, understands the nooks* and crannies of Britain and the British. So does Watson. During one Open he was spotted queueing for fish and chips. He dresses for dinner, *has little difficulty in driving* on the left and does not complain about warm beer nor a lack of air-conditioning.

"Tom loves Britain," Linda Watson has said. "He thinks the people are so courteous and polite to us in a way that, unfortunately, they are not at home." Watson once said to *me: "Britain is the last civi*lised country."

Watson has prepared thoroughly for this venture into captaincy. He often talks of the need to learn from others. True to type, he has set about *learning as much as he can* about captaincy. He has read books and magazines, spoken to his friends, players, journalists, coaches. Little has been left to chance. He has prepared as if it has been his life's work.

No less has been the work that Gallacher has put into it. He is driven by the recollection of losing to Watson in 1983. His will to win is no less than Watson's. It is significant that he has been asking those who know Watson well: *"What is he like? How* would he react in certain situations?"

The two men are personable and honest, full of integrity, liked and respected by their peers. They are worthy of the attention being paid to them. Not for the first time, golf has got it right.

Rugby enhanced by those who break mould

DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

We live in an age of -isms: rugby union, reflecting the age, is no exception. The game's particular curse is *size-ism: big is beautiful, so* when chance permits you to stand next to a rugby legend such as Colin Meads and you begin to wonder whether his programmed height of 6ft 4in wasn't a slight exaggeration, *inevitably you ponder how* much headway he would have made against the Bayfields and Dooleys of today.

The point about Meads and many of his type, though, was that if they were not tall by modern standards, they possessed all the skills. I watched a video of Meads the other day: ball clutched in one huge paw he ran and sidestepped magnificently, he supported *his backs, he played the* modern forward game 30 years ago and he was a lock at a time when the British tended to regard locks as fetchers and carriers.

Meads was an exceptional player: he and his colleagues set benchmarks, as New Zealanders *have done so fre*quently, for the rest of the world. Indeed the rest of the world has now all but caught up and the leading countries expect their forwards to possess all the skills: to ply their trade at scrum and lineout but to feel comfortable with the ball in hand, to give and take a pass, to kick (the ball) as and when required without the crowd giving vent to an awestruck gasp.

And what have the backs been doing all this while? *Well, they have been getting* bigger too, in fact many of them are beginning to resemble forwards. But have they grown in skill? Certainly they have become accustomed to mauling and rucking like *flankers — Rugby Special* last weekend showed Stuart Barnes hurtling into a maul for Bath against Northampton in a way Barry John 20 years ago would never have considered.

But can they give and take a pass as their predecessors did? A fond memory of the last two years is of Dan Dooley, now with London Irish but then playing centre for Saracens, doing every*thing right and because it was* such a rare event it stays in the mind's eye: he took an awkward pass against Bristol, he registered the defence and he gave the ball to his wing at the precise moment. The result was a try and the move encapsulated all that rugby is supposed to be about.

Change the scene, step up several notches in class and move to Christchurch, New *Zealand, last summer.* The first international between New Zealand and the British Isles is remembered for Grant Fox's late penalty which enabled the All Blacks to escape with a 20-18 victory. Did Dean Richards offend at the ruck, should Fox have been given his chance? If the British backs had performed the basics sufficiently well, it might not have mattered.

You could reasonably argue that that game, and perhaps the series, was lost when the Lions found space to run in their own half, against a defence that was poorly positioned, but their midfield players, all immensely experienced at play*ing under pressure, could not* put the ball in front of the next man.

These and sundry other reflections were the result of a conversation with a former England coach, a pragmatic but imaginative man, over the composition of a modern back row. What, he asked rhetorically, were flankers now required to do? They have to make big hits in the midfield, as do centres, and then they have to get up and make them again so that the second, and the third, and the fourth phase can happen before a chink of light appears and some fortunate back may have the chance to score a try.

The bigger the player, the *bigger the hit and there is no* doubt that such confrontations make riveting watching, of a gladiatorial kind. But skill? Courage yes, but is there skill in knocking another player over rather *than trying to make the ball* work for you?

What about the challenge of a Jack-the-lad scrum half with the fresh-faced look of a David Kirk against a steamrollering forward, what about *the invididuals of all shapes* and sizes who make this such an individual game?

So three cheers for those who would break the modern mould, for the elegance of Jeremy Guscott, for the physically-challenged Neil Back, for the chronologically-challenged Jeff Probyn and long *may they stick uncomfortable* pins into selectors.

Law changes have taken rugby a long way down the road towards physical conformity and if Back is to succeed in winning an England cap or Probyn, at 37, to sustain his England career, both have to be more skilful than their *rivals. And that is a quality* to be prized.

Scotland turn to Bray in full back search

SCOTLAND have included Kent Bray, the Harlequins full back, in their squad for the first training session of the season at Murrayfield on Sunday in preparation for the tour by New Zealand (Alan Lorimer writes). Bray, an Oxford blue in 1989, played for New South Wales against the British Isles in the same year and qualifies for Scotland *through his Glasgow-born* grandmother.

His selection represents a wider search for an eventual successor to Gavin Hastings. Nick Grecian and Craig Redpath, who played respectively against Western Samoa and Tonga, have not been considered at this stage and, while Ken Logan, of Stirling County, who was at full back against Fiji, is included in the squad, he is more likely to be seen as a wing. Scotland's other possibility at full back is Michael Dods, who gains his first recognition since returning from the Scotland tour of North America in 1991.

Not included in the squad is Derek Stark, who played in all of Scotland's five nations' matches last season. Also missing is Gary Armstrong, but in his case it is by choice, the Jed-Forest player *having informed the Scottish Rugby* Union that he does not want to be considered for selection at scrum half. In his absence, Andy Nicol, Bryan Redpath, Derek Patterson and David Millard represent strength in depth in the position.

Among the forwards, the absence of Andy Reed and Iain Morrison (both injured) give opportunities to Stuart Campbell, the young Dundee lock, and Nick Penny, the Stewart's-Melville FP flanker. Chances for selection at national or A level are also being given to John Amos, who is excelling for Gala on the open-side flank, and Murray Wallace, who took his chance on Scotland's tour to establish himself as an accomplished flanker.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: Backs: K Bray (Harlequins), C Chalmers (Melrose), M Dods (Gala), H Gilmour (Heriot's FP), C Glasgow (Heriot's FP), G Hastings (Watsonians), S Hastings (Watsonians), I Jardine (Stirling County), K Logan (Stirling County), R MacNaughton (Northampton), D Millard (London Scottish), K Milligan (Stewart's-Melville FP), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP), S Nicholl (Selkirk), D Patterson (Edinburgh Academicals), B Redpath (Melrose), G Shiel (Melrose), A Stanger (Hawick), G Townsend (Gala) Forwards: J Amos (Gala), P Burnell (London Scottish), S Campbell (Dundee High School FP), D Cronin (London Scottish), J Hay (Hawick), C Hogg (Melrose), G Isaac (Gala), P Jones (Gloucester), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), D McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), K Milne (Heriot's FP), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), N Penny (Stewart's-Melville FP), A Sharp (Bristol), I Smith (Gloucester), D Turnbull (Hawick), R Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals), M Wallace (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), G Weir (Melrose), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), P Wright (Boroughmuir).

SPORTS BRIEF

Olympic champion denies drug claim

MIKE Stulce, the Olympic shot champion, has denied he took performance-enhancing *drugs after* an announcement by the International Amateur Athletic Federation that he had tested positive for steroids and faces a life ban. Stulce *said yesterday* he had been told he tested positive for Mestanolone, but he strongly denied he had taken the substance. Stulce, who said he had no explanation for the positive test, also said he would appeal the finding to USA Track and Field, the American governing body for the sport.

"We've checked with several different experts and they were confused and said there is no reference for it in the United States," Stulce said. "*I don't feel guilty. I know* I'm innocent."

The positive test came during the world championships last month in *Stuttgart. Stulce had tested positive* in 1990 and was suspended for two years then, so now faces a life ban.

Le Moignan advances

SQUASH: Martine Le Moignan and Lisa Opie, both from Guernsey, had mixed fortunes as they returned to action in the second round of the women's world open championship in Johannesburg yesterday (Colin McQuillan writes). Le Moignan, the former world champion, who at 30 is semi-retired, dispatched the Australian, Vicki Cardwell, 38, 9-1, 9-5, 9-4. *Opie, also 30 and out for most of the past two seasons,* came back from two games down against Suzanne Horner, the England No 1, before losing 9-3, 9-2, 4-9, 0-9, 9-7. Horner and Le Moignan now meet for a semi-final place, and Cassandra Jackman, the English champion, faces Rebecca O'Callaghan and Sue Wright plays Senja MacFie.

Doherty strikes back

SNOOKER: Ken Doherty produced the finest recovery of his professional career to beat James Wattana, of Thailand, 5-4, in the first round of the Regal Scottish Masters at Motherwell Civic Centre yesterday. When Wattana, the world No 5, *established a 4-0 lead at the interval,* he appeared certain of a quarter-final place. The turning-point came when Wattana went in-off a black near the end of the fifth frame. Doherty took the frame then won two on the black, and another on the pink. Terry Griffiths withdrew as his father has died and Nigel Bond was drafted in.

Court panel shatters

SQUASH: The Dubai Classic tournament was thrown into confusion yesterday after a panel of the all-glass court shattered during the night, leaving a gaping hole at the front of the court. A replacement panel was ordered but would not be ready until five hours after the scheduled start. The players were meeting to decide whether they would be willing to play at a venue where they had had no chance to practise. The sharply varying outside temperatures could have caused the floor to expand overnight, putting pressure on the glass.

Games make loss

WORLD STUDENT GAMES: The organisers of the World Student Games, which were held in Buffalo earlier this year, the first time the Games have taken place in the United States, lost *at least* $3 million (about £2 million), the local organising committee reported yesterday. The Games chairman, Burt Flickinger, called the debt "manageable" and noted that the deficit is "not that bad when compared to *similar events". The previous Games, held in Sheffield in* 1991, lost £12 million. However, the report showed that the Games have $5.3 million in unpaid bills.

Le Mans signals switch

MOTOR SPORT: The Le Mans 24-hour race next year will be split into five categories, ranging from racing cars to luxury GT saloons, the organisers said in Paris yesterday. The first two sections cover single and two-seater sportscars, the Automobile Club de l'Ouest announced. The other three involve GT cars, either as single or two-seater prototypes or as production models. However, the successes of the world sportscar championship and recent Le Mans races, the Peugeot 905s and Toyota TS010s, will not be on the starting grid on June 18 as new noise limits will be imposed.

Huddersfield appeal

RUGBY LEAGUE: Huddersfield, the world's oldest club, will tomorrow seek the approval of the High Court in Leeds for an administrator to help save it from closure after running up debts in excess of £500,000. An immediate demand for £38,000 from the Inland Revenue has brought the financial crisis to a head. More than half the debt is owed to directors and two former chairmen. The intention is to sell the club or try to bring in new backers in time for the move next season to a new £12 million 20,000-seat stadium, to be shared with Huddersfield Town football club.

Hare rejoins Leicester

RUGBY UNION: Dusty Hare, the former England full back, rejoined Leicester yesterday as an unpaid recruitment officer less than two months after being made redundant from his £25,000-a-year job as Nottingham's first director of rugby. Hare, who farms near Newark, retired four years ago after scoring a world-record 7,191 points, including 4,507 for Leicester. His return to Welford Road was welcomed by Leicester's director of rugby, Tony Russ, who said: "Dusty has a job to do for us and the one at which he is best. We are delighted to have him back."

WORD MATTERS

Answers from page 48

MAGENTA
(a) and (b) A brilliant red aniline dye derived from coal-tar, named in commemoration of the bloody battle of Magenta, when the Austrians were defeated by the French and Sardinians. This was just before the dye was discovered in 1859. The French General MacMahon beat the Austrians. Poor old Franz Joseph managed to lose almost every battle he was ever engaged in, in a reign that lasted from 1848 to 1916 and included most conceivable tragedies for the emperor. It was the fickle finger of fate that ruled that the famous Austrian victory over the Italians took place in 1917, just after his death.

DAVENPORT TRICK
(c) A trick by which a person can release himself when bound round and tied with rope. The term derives from the Davenport brothers, two American impostors *à la* Houdini, who professed that spirits would untie them when bound with cords. Their imposition was exposed in 1865.

TALBOT
(c) The name of a variety of hound, formerly used for tracking and hunting, a large white or light-coloured hound, having long hanging ears, heavy jaws, and great powers of scent, understood to be derived from the ancient English family name *Talbot*, but evidence is wanting. Chaucer has *Talbot* as the name of an individual dog. "The same white hounds were brought to England by the head of the Talbot *family*, and rapidly gaining credit for their qualities in the chase of the stag were known as Talbots."

HOB
(a) Robin Goodfellow or Puck, a hobgoblin, sprite or elf, a familiar by-form of *Rob* = Robin, Robert, *cf.* the parallel *Hodge, Hick* for Roger, Richard; "From elves, hobs and fairies,/ That trouble our dairies,/ Defend us, good Heaven!"

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
Black delivers checkmate with 1 ... Qg1+ 2 Kh3 Qdf1+ 3 Qg2 Qh1.

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BBC1

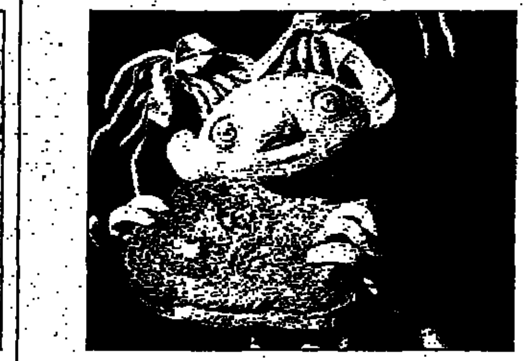
6.00 Business Breakfast (92694) **7.00 Breakfast News** (33212507) **9.05 Best Of British.** Clips from early British film musicals (1778675)
9.30 Liberal Democrats Live. Coverage of the last day of the Liberal Democrat conference from Torquay (s) (56168)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1434410) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7211385) **10.30 Bunyip** (r) (1624168)
10.35 Liberal Democrats Live Includes the address to conference by the party leader, Paddy Ashdown (s). With **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **11.00** and **11.55** (59586965) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29395120)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (15762)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61835781) **1.50 Going For Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (61846897)
2.15 Racing From Ascot. The 2.30, 3.05, 3.40 and, on BBC2, 4.10 races (s) (421588)
3.50 The Adventures Of Spot (4645781) **3.55 Felix the Cat** (3631859) **4.10 The All-New Popeye Show** (r) (8211033) **4.30 Dizzy Heights** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1091588)
4.55 Newsround (5035323) **5.05 Blue Peter** live from Manchester on the day the city learns if it has been awarded the 2000 Olympic Games. (Ceefax) (s) (2762897)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (393507). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (149)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (101). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top Of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (9675)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (385)
8.00 Nature Detectives. Chris Packham introduces a look at British wildlife through the eyes of the public, helped by state of the art filming from the BBC Natural History unit. Featured this week are red squirrels, a gull colony, badgers and a kangaroo-type creature. (Ceefax) (s) (8323)
8.30 Waiting For God. Comedy series starring Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole as retirement home agitators. (Ceefax) (s) (7830)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5694)

Retirement blues for Wilson, Crosbie (9.30pm)

9.30 One Foot In the Grave. Margaret is haunted by a nightmare that she is planning to murder Victor. Starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (30120)
10.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley star in this welcome re-run of the comedy series set in the world of fashion (r). (Ceefax) (s) (34061). **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight
10.30 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. The guests Robert Horton, chairman designate of Railtrack, and MPs Michael Howard, Marjorie Mowlam and Alan Beith (33149). **Northern Ireland:** Absolutely Fabulous 11.00 Question Time 12.00-12.45am Spenser for Hire; **Wales:** The State 11.10 Question Time 12.10am-12.50 Spenser for Hire
11.30 Spenser For Hire. Boston detective drama series, starring Robert Urich (s) (136149)
12.15am Weather (8830892) **12.20 Close**
12.30-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (47811)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (2783526)
8.00 Breakfast News (6970697)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. Advice on cleaning silver (r). (Ceefax) (3338217) **8.20 Racing the Tide.** Ireland's annual horse race meeting on sand at Laytown Strand, 30 miles north of Dublin (r) (6109385)
9.00 Daytime on Two: The Spanish Collection (1777946) **9.25** Standard Grade Geography (4548014) **9.45** Come Outside (3349101) **10.00** Thunderbirds in French (1432052) **10.05** Seeing Through Science (7242255) **10.30** Ghostwriter (16052) **11.00** Q & A (4450061) **11.10** Landmarks: Tudors and Stuarts (7627168) **11.30** Ici Paris (8414743) **11.45** History File (8433878) **12.05** The Geography Programme (1663217) **12.25** Lifeschool (7062746) **12.50** Computing For the Terrified (2550033) **1.20** Bertha (77417675) **1.35** PC Pinkerton (52540588) **1.40** Music Time (61824675)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60248762) **2.05 Come Outside** (r) (38809323) **2.20 Heads on Beds.** A *40 Minutes* documentary about London's small hotels (r). (Ceefax) (4214033)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5019120) **3.05 Rembetika.** Anthony Quinn narrates this history of Greece's "blues" music (r) (1722897) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9548025)
4.00 Racing From Ascot. The 4.10 (s) (4629743)
4.25 Film: Foreign Intrigue (1956) starring Robert Mitchum and Genevieve Page. Lively spy thriller, directed by Sheldon Reynolds (38798675)
6.00 The Ryder Cup. Steve Rider reports from the opening ceremony at the Belfry (33217)
7.00 Olympic 2000. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the vote in Monte Carlo to decide the venue of the 2000 Olympic Games (7217)
7.30 World Chess Championships. Francine Stock reviews the progress of the rival games in London and Zwolle, The Netherlands (s) (255)
8.00 Plain Tales From Northern Ireland: Sundays. Documentary series about the lives of the rural Northern Irish. It is a quiet Sunday but sectarianism is never far away (s) (6965)
8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson compares 1950s Cadillacs with today's models. (Ceefax) (s) (5472)
9.00 The Travel Show. Eilat and Budapest (3236)
9.30 The Dog's Tale: Fatal Attraction. (Ceefax) See Choice (963675)



A short history of a tasty snack (10.10pm)

10.10 Small Objects of Desire: The Sandwich. (Ceefax) See Choice (257033)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (811043)
11.15 The Late Show (s). See Choice (155149)
11.55 Weather (343965)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the Open University's weekend programmes (4890095) **12.05am There's a Degree In Me Somewhere.** Students discuss their chances (6289163). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE

Critical Eye: Poland plc
Channel 4, 9.00pm

You might wonder why a documentary on the Polish economy should open with a list of what people earn at Channel 4. Or end by reciting the earnings of the makers of this film. The answer has to do with free market capitalism, something that Britain and Poland now have in common. The programme argues that while the end of communism in Poland has meant more individual freedom, there have been few other benefits. A society with a modest standard of living but little unemployment and good social benefits has been replaced by one where the rich get richer, the weak go to the wall and nobody's job is safe. Backed by comparisons with Britain and Brazil, the thesis is imaginatively presented and cogently argued.

Small Objects of Desire: The Sandwich
BBC2, 10.10pm

These short films on everyday objects never fail to divert and the new series promises to maintain the standard. It starts with the sandwich, a rich topic. Actually the programme is as much about bread as the fillings than go into it, but nobody is going to complain about that. Admiration is split between the amount of ground covered in a short space and the variety of resources used to tell the story. We have an inventively mixed montage of dramatisation, clips from silent films, old newsreels, television commercials, vox pop, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore and Paddington Bear. And while the treatment is necessarily brief and mostly jocular the film is often revealing about British social history and particularly the snobberies of class.

The Dog's Tale: Fatal Attraction
BBC2, 9.30pm

Loyd Grossman is credited as the inspiration behind this series about man and his dog but you will be disappointed, or perhaps relieved, that the eccentric Grossman vowels are not to be heard. Instead the narration is entrusted to the measured tones of Tim Pigott-Smith. The first programme is a bit a rag-bag, presumably intended to set the scene for things to come. Much of the time we are in the fascinating facts department. Did you know that in Korea dogs are cooked and eaten and that dog meat is supposed to increase sexual energy? Or that in New York dog psychiatrists try to sort out trouble between pets and their owners? At least there is a constant thread, which is that the story of dogs is a human one as well.

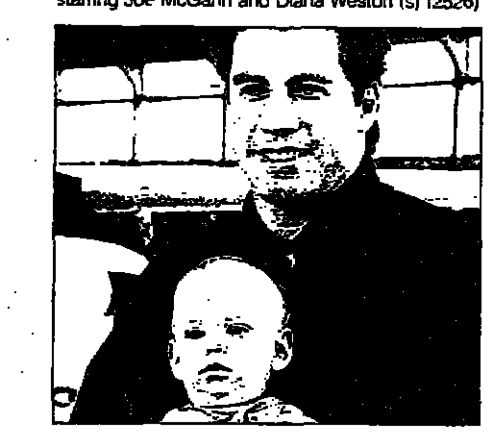
Portrait of a theatrical impresario (BBC2, 11.15pm)

The Late Show: Face to Face with Sir Peter Hall
BBC2, 11.15pm

Jeremy Isaacs does not interview as mercilessly as John Freeman, who invented *Face to Face*, but the results can be just as revealing. The challenge with Sir Peter Hall is that Hall's public career and private life have been so well documented, not least by Hall himself. Isaacs still manages to draw out an incisive portrait. Behind Hall's calm façade is a neurotic who is prone to depression and has contemplated suicide. Work is his greatest happiness but also an all-consuming obsession which has come before family and contributed, on Hall's admission, to three broken marriages. Hall says he loves children, of which he has six. But you wonder how they have been fitted into his 17-hour working days. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6157728)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (1774859) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7220033)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. . . (s) (8557385)
10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine (90305089) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8516859)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (2578439)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (2546830) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (66400965) **1.55 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (61830236)
2.20 ITN News headlines (60255052) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (60254323)
2.30 TV Weekly. Eamonn Holmes with news and guests from the world of television (588) **3.00 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial (2762)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (3656168) **3.40 The Riddlers** (1346007) **3.50 Cartoon** featuring Sylvester and Tweety Pie (r) (9443471) **4.00 The Spooks Of Bottle Bay.** Puppet adventures (8481217) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r) (363859) **4.45 Bad Influence** A review of the latest computer and video games (1014439)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2756236)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (912781)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (20743)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (4743)
7.30 The Big Story: Olympics 2000 – The Inside Track. Ten minutes after the venue for the 2000 Olympic Games is announced, Dermot Murnaghan brings up-to-the-minute reaction from the winning city (s) (781)
8.00 The Bill: Customer Care. DI Haines (Gary Whelan) has to deal with a young Italian man arrested for rape and then with his accuser when she decides to tell the truth about the real culprit (Teletext) (3491)
8.30 The Upper Hand. Tepid role-reversal comedy starring Joe McGann and Diana Weston (s) (2526)



Cabbie John Travolta minds the baby (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Look Who's Talking (1989) starring John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Olympia Dukakis and George Segal. Likable comedy about an unmarried mother, with a baby that can talk in and out of the womb, who is befriended by a sympathetic cab driver. Directed by Amy Heckerling. Continues after the news. (Teletext) (s) (2236)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (34089) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (124472)
10.40 Film: Look Who's Talking continued (316453)
11.25 Big City. Entertainment in London (507781)
11.55 Raw Soup. Music, comedy and chat (s) (236588)
12.55am Profile of the Irish group U2 (8165618)
1.10 Donahue. The guests are people wilfully infected with Aids by their cheating partners (8559231)
2.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (91415)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (49279)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (61540)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure guide (r) (s) (36637)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (13366)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe (11347)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon adventures of a cat (2513255) **6.45 Wowser** Canine capers (4062946)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (65435)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (12236)
9.30 Schools (493033)
12.00 Conference Report. The leader of the Liberal Democrats, Paddy Ashdown, makes his keynote speech to conference (22101)
1.00 Sesame Street Pre-school learning series (r) (48149)
2.00 Film: Strange Boarders (1938, b/w) starring Tom Walls, Renee Saint-Cyr and Googie Withers. Creaky comedy thriller about a secret agent called back from his honeymoon to investigate the death of an elderly woman who was in possession of secret plans. Directed by Herbert Mason (3127236)
3.25 Vacuum Cleaner Animation from Croatia, directed by Pavao Stalter and Leo Fabiani (5023323)
3.30 The Times World Chess Championship The Garry Kasparov/Nigel Short contest continues at the Savoy Theatre, London (99052)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley introduces another round of the words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (694)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are men who explain why they refuse to date women from their own ethnic groups (Teletext) (s) (9831236)
5.50 Happy Occasion An animated tale of the tragedy caused by a pushy parent (437781)
6.00 Trash Talk. Tessa Langmead and Albert "Tnx" Thompson are in Kansas to find out why legendary quarterback footballer Joe Montana is now playing for Kansas City Chiefs (859)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer and video game magazine hosted by Dexter Fletcher with Patrick Moore (439)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (307472)
7.50 Comment A group of four and five-year-olds talk about what the first week at "big school" was like (967052)
8.00 The Times World Chess Championship A look at today's game in the Garry Kasparov/Nigel Short contest (1033)
8.30 The Music Game. Quiz show hosted by Tony Slattery and Richard Vranch. The guests include Betty Boo, Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sissons (s) (7728)
9.00 Critical Eye: Poland plc. (Teletext) See Choice (9138)

Connery baits a child molester (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: The Offence (1972) starring Sean Connery, Trevor Howard, Ian Bannen and Vivien Merchant. Intense psychological drama about a London detective's obsession to prove guilty the suspect in a child molesting case. Directed by Sidney Lumet (Teletext) (45278526)
12.05am The Times World Chess Championship. An analysis of today's game (6274231)
12.35 Film: T. Dan Smith (1987). A docu-drama biopic of the miner's son who became a leading political and public relations figure in the North East until his conviction for corruption in the Poulson scandal of 1974 (676144). Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno ...es (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier ... Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat ... Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright ... Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** ...ng Session **8.30** Antique Records ... show **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** ... Campbell Goes Into the Night ...-**4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy ... Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up ...gan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** ...Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** ... Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** ... Stuart **7.00** The News Huddlines ... Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones ... British Country. The Stu Page ... **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** ...es Nove **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

...am World Service **6.30** Danny ...'s Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Make a Story; **9.15** Together: An ...mbly for Schools; **9.35** Listen and ... 1, **9.45** Letterbox; **9.55** Poetry ...r, **10.05** In the News **10.25** ...ie Walker with The AM Alternative ...pm Topolski's Travels: The Trobri...slands in the South Pacific **1.00** ... Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide ... Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** ...n Summer **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** ... **9.00** Jo Brand The Evolution of ...woman **9.30** Spinechillers: Psy... **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00**...am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

...es in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English ...News and Press Review in German ...Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen ...Off the Shelf: *Jean De Florette* **5.45** Our Own Correspondent **6.00** ... **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News ...News About Britain **7.15** The World ... **7.30** Sports International **8.00** ...Desk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News ...Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books ...John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World ...ss Report **10.15** From Our Own ...spondent **10.30** The Farming ... **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** ... **11.01** As I Recall **11.30** BBC ... **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** ...ss Update **Noon** Newsdesk ...pm Cover Her Face **1.00** News ...Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 ...Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** ... **3.30** Off the Shelf. *Jean De* ...e **3.45** Recording of the Week ...News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** ... Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News ... Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** ... **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** ...World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell ...German Features **8.00** News **8.05** ... **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News ...Words of Faith **9.15** The World ... **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** ...About Britain **11.15** Network UK ...Sports Roundup **Midnight** News ...am World Business Report **12.15** ...Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** ...House **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook ...n the Move **2.45** Global Concerns ...Newsdesk **3.30** Cover Her Face ...News **4.10** News About Britain ...Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

...1 Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly ... Susannah Simons **2.00pm** ...me Concerto: Mozart (Violin ...to No 3 in G, K216: Frank-Peter ...mann, Württemburg Chamber ...tra under Jorg Faerber) **3.00** ... Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports ...he Travel Guide **8.00** Evening ...: British film music: Walton ...tenry V; Malcolm Arnold (Bridge ...River Kwai); Patrick Doyle (Much ...bout Nothing excerpts) **10.00** ...Ward **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

...Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard ... **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** ...Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson ...Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (2756236) **6.00** Home And Away (709410) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (641033) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (124472) **11.25** First Take (507781) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (513149) **12.50am** Film: Who Killed Nani? (24256927) **2.55** America's Top 10 (8456786) **3.25** The New Music (2099076) **4.25** Get Stuffed! (93390811) **4.30** Riviera (82308415) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8142540)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (61830236) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2762) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2756236) **6.00** Home And Away (709410) **6.25** Central News (784101) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (812743) **10.30-10.40** Central News (124472) **11.25** Kojak (250033) **12.20am** Hollywood Report (6207589) **12.50** The Little Picture Show (7856434) **1.45** 60 Minutes (373618) **2.45** Raw Power (7157989) **3.50** Quiz Night (62775618) **4.15** Central Jobfinder (7641347) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1079502)

GRANADA
As London except: 3.00-3.30 Sons And Daughters (2762) **5.10-5.40** Emmerdale (2756236) **6.00** Home And Away (217) **6.30** Granada Tonight (632138) **6.55** Manchester Live (812743) **7.00-7.30** Manchester 2000 - The Final Hurdle (4743) **10.30** Granada News (496101) **10.35-10.40** Manchester Live (495472) **11.25** A Postcard From Torquay (507781) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (513149) **12.50am** Film: Who Killed Nani? (24256927) **2.55** America's Top 10 (8456786) **3.25** The New Music (2099076) **4.25** Get Stuffed! (93390811) **4.30** Riviera (82308415) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8142540)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61830236) **3.00-3.30** Take The High Road (2762) **6.00** HTV News (217) **6.30-7.00** Disaster Chronicles (897) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (124472) **11.25** The West This Week (889694) **12.10am** Let Loose (3804908) **12.25** Short Story Theatre (7018347) **12.50** Film: Who Killed Nani? (24256927) **2.55** America's Top 10 (8456786) **3.25** The New Music (2089076) **4.25** Get Stuffed! (93390811) **4.30** Riviera (82308415) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8142540)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (217) **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme (897) **11.25** A Slice Of Life (889694) **12.10am-12.25** Weekend Ahead! (4857340)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.00-3.30 Shortland Street (2762) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (434694) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (217) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (48132273) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (124472) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (250033) **12.20am** Coach (7019076) **12.45-1.10** Sprockets (3295873) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (13366)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55 Tyne Tees News (304965) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (897) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (13182) **11.25** The Mystery Of The Derbyshire (889694) **12.10am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (6027521) **1.05** Film: The Barbary Coast (469057) **2.50** America's Top 10 (8457415) **3.20** Cinema, Cinema (60421521) **3.50** Live On Stage (3838182) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live (20743) **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (124472) **11.20** Go Fishing (508410) **11.50** Island Son (237217) **12.50am** Film: Who Killed Nani? (24256927) **2.55** America's Top 10 (8456786) **3.25** The New Music (2099076)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Sullivans (61830236) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2762) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (2347) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (250033) **12.20am** Jack Thompson Down Under (7019076) **12.45** My Story (5898057) **12.50** Film: Who Killed Nani? (24256927) **2.55** America's Top 10 (8456786) **3.25** The New Music (8432250) **4.30** Riviera (82308415) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (464250)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55 Calendar News (347) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (897) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (124472) **11.25** Euromusica (889694) **12.10am** Prisoner: Cell Block H (6021521) **1.05** Film: The Barbary Coast (2299601) **2.50** America's Top 10 (8457415) **3.20** Cinema, Cinema (60421521) **3.50** Live On Stage (9914298) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (2960279)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (65435) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (12236) **9.30** Schools (493033) **12.00pm** Liberal Democrats Conference (92472) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (55120) **1.30** The Ball Of Wool (86846762) **1.45** Film: West Of The Divide (993385) **2.45** Film: Where's That Fire? (1092323) **4.00** Slot 23 (2120) **5.00** The Cosby Show (2149) **5.30** Countdown (946) **6.00** Newyddion (699507) **6.20** Heno (631656) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2385) **7.30** Croeso I'r Rhyl (45633) **8.30** Newyddion (7728) **9.00** Taro Naw (8304) **9.30** mr don and mr george (23830) **10.00** Film: A Private Function (808830) **11.45** Nurses (658675) **12.15am** World Chess Championship (79969) **12.45** Motorcity Music Years (61960)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Doing Science **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Franck (Les Eolides); Chopin (Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44); William Lawes (Fantasia-Suite No 1 in G minor); Prokofiev (Symphonic Song, Op 57); Copland (An Outdoor Overture); Finzi (Fantasia and Fugue, Op 38)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Puccini. Roberta Alexander introduces extracts from the opera *Madama Butterfly*
10.00 Morning Sequence: Artists of the Week: BBC Philharmonic. Maxwell Davies (Sir Charles His Pavan: under the composer); Malvezzi and Cavalieri (Intermedio VI, Jove's gift to mortals of rhythm and harmony); Suk (Meditation on the old Bohemian; Chorale, Svaty Vaclave, Op 35: Skampa Quartet); Britten (Canticle 2, Abraham and Isaac); Granados (Intermezzo, Goyescas); Maxwell Davies (Strathclyde Concerto No 1); Schubert (Dem Unendlichen Totengräbers Heimweh); Sibelius (Symphony No 6 in D minor)
12.00 Chausson and Haydn: Joachim Piano Trio performs Haydn (Piano Trio in C minor, H XV 27); Chausson (Piece for Cello and Piano; Piano Trio in G minor, Op 3) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs John Pickard (The Flight of Icarus); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor: Raphael Oleg); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)
2.50 Violin and Piano Recital: Hu Kun, violin, Norma Fisher, piano, perform Brahms (Violin Sonata No 1 in G, Op 78); Busoni (Violin Sonata No 2 in E minor, Op 36a)
3.55 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Andras Ligeti, with Ildiko Komlosi, soprano, Kolos Kovats, bass, performs Bartók (Bluebeard's Castle)
5.00 In Tune, with David Owen Norris
7.30 Schoenberg's Gurrelieder. Ernst Senff Chor, Berlin Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Claudio Abbado perform Schoenberg's cantata. With Cheryl Studer as Tove, Marjana Lipovsek as the Wood Dove, Siegfried Jerusalem as Waldemar, Philip Langridge as Klaus the fool, Hartmut Walker as the Peasant and Barbara Sukowa as the Speaker
9.25 Sleepless Nights: Mother's Pride. Laurie Graham's diary of anxieties
9.30 Israel Piano Trio: Dvořák (Piano Trio in F minor, Op 65); Schumann (Duet, Phantasiestücke No 3, Op 88) (r)
10.15 Keyboard à la King: Max Harrison presents the first of six programmes on the singer Nat King Cole, who began his career as a pianist (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Includes a review by Joe Farrell of a new touring production of *Hamlet*
11.30 Two Italians and a German in London: Bononcini (Cantata, Siedi, Amarilli mia); Geminiani (Concerto Grosso in C minor, Op 2 No 2); Telemann (Tafelmusik); Handel (Cantata, Cecilia, volgi un sguardo)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.25-3.00 Night School Extra: English Resources: The Poetry of Passion Kinds of Loving

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, with Brian Redhead in Monte Carlo on the day Manchester's Olympic bid is decided. Incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Bad Housekeeping, by Sue Limb **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 Opinion: Alan Street of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration argues against the government's plans to help business by reducing regulation
10.00-10.30 Cautionary Tales from the French Countryside (FM only). The Magic Spectre. The last of three plays by Judy Leather
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only). Daniel Read by Alec McCowen (4/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Anne Robinson meets Julia Bardsley, the new joint artistic director at London's Young Vic. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from Bidborough Cricket Club, Kent. With Willie Rushton, Tim Rice, Bernard Cribbins and Bill Tidy **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Betrayers, by Rib Davis. Esteban (Michael Maloney) is granted a temporary visa to stay in Britain. When this visa expires, he must choose between returning to Guatemala to face certain death, or remaining as an illegal immigrant
3.00 News; Soapbox: Four people reveal their favourite bugbear. Among MP David Mellor's guests are the pop mogul Pete Waterman and the sex magazine publisher Isabelle Koprowski
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope investigates current debates about Shakespeare, and John Harvey, creator of *Resnick*, discusses how writers convey a sense of place
4.45 Short Story. The Terror by Night, by E F Benson. Read by Brian Gear
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Paris, London: Last of the comedy series, recorded live at the Edinburgh Festival
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Document: The Casement Diaries. In 1916, Sir Roger Casement was hanged for treason. An appeal for clemency failed when his diary appeared to reveal that he was a homosexual
8.00 One Foot in the Grave, or A New Lease of Life? See Choice
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Strange Loyalties, by William McIlvanney. Read by Tom Watson (4/10)
11.00 Murder on the Orient Express: The final part of Agatha Christie's novel (r)
11.30 Brief Lives (r). See Choice
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

One Foot in the Grave, or A New Lease of Life? *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*
This is a montage of well-considered thoughts from an assortment of retired folk, spiced with interjections from Richard Wilson's dyspeptic Victor Meldrew. The television grump apart, they are a perky, forward-looking lot. "Be full-blooded, and ready to march on!", says the old soldier, with trumpets in his voice. Regard retirement as a third career, school and employment being the other two, says the retired bank manager. Very touching are the couple who, on their rowing machine and exercise bike, row and pedal together while belting out the 23rd Psalm.

Brief Lives: Time Travel. *Radio 4, 11.30pm.*
This week's selections of something-for-everybody items from Joanna Buchan's *Tuesday Lives* is faithful to its brief: do not inflate a story beyond its natural size. Most of tonight's four stories are worth telling, particularly the one about the bottle collectors who dig treasures out of rubbish dumps (Eureka! A French mustard bottle!). And there is a charming domestic footnote to the official history of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78858678) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (2858174) **9.10** Cartoons (1302830) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (89410) **10.00** Card Sharks (6801439) **10.25** Concentration (3723033) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9990878) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (51688) **12.00** E Street (58052) **12.30pm** Three's Company (90526) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (88781) **2.00** Roots: The Next Generation (48526) **3.00** Another World (9751588) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (1291566) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3656) **6.00** Games World (3507) **6.30** E Street (4859) **7.00** Rescue (4385) **7.30** Full House (3743) **8.00** The Paper Chase (21410) **9.00** China Beach (18946) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (11033) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (65781)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2736526) **9.30** ABC Nightline (67052) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (16830) **11.30** Japan Business Today (36472) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (27946) **1.30** CBS Morning News (28675) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (78897) **3.30** ABC Nightline (54588) **4.30** News and Business Report (1976) **5.00** Live at Five (698526) **7.30** The Reporters (1385) **9.30** Talkback (60168) **11.30** CBS Evening News (34304) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (57873) **1.30** The Reporters (42724) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (49786) **3.30** Talkback (44231) **4.30** The Reporters (71724) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (59521)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6892014)
10.00 To My Daughter (1991) A mother is devastated by the death of her eldest and favourite child. With Rue McClanahan and Michele Greene (61014)
12.00 The Southern Star (1969) Adventurers search for a large diamond in the African jungle. With George Segal and Ursula Andress (12101)
2.00pm Chilly Scenes of Winter (1979) John Heard attempts to win back his girlfriend, Mary Beth Hurt (52435)
4.00 The Wonder of It All (1986) Wildlife documentary (8588)
6.00 To My Daughter (as 10am) (22149)
8.00 Dillinger (1991). Mark Harmon stars as the notorious 1930s gangster. With Sherilyn Fenn as his moll (27694)
10.00 Curse II: The Bite (1988) Comedy-horror sequel about irradiated vipers who turn their victims into mutant beasts (738651)
11.40 Switch (1991) Sex change farce starring Ellen Barkin as the reincarnation of an unscrupulous Lothario. With Jimmy Smits and JoBeth Williams (23128965)
1.45am Student Bodies (1981). Spoof of slasher films, starring Kristen Riter and Matthew Goldsby (379095)
3.30 Man on a Swing (1974) A clairvoyant helps a policeman to solve a series of brutal murders. With Joel Grey and Cliff Robertson (24067) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
5.00pm The Roaring Twenties (1939, b/w) Three army buddies become bootleggers during prohibition. With James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart (15897)
8.00 Audrey Rose (1977) Anthony Hopkins claims that a couple's daughter is a reincarnation of his dead child. With John Beck and Marsha Mason (87014)
10.00 The French Lieutenant's Woman (1981) Harold Pinter's adaptation of the John Fowles novel stars Jeremy Irons and Meryl Streep as lovers both on and off a film set (85168) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959). Peter Cushing stars as Sherlock Holmes in a Hammer version of the Conan Doyle story (99217)
8.00 Bravestarr: The Legend (1986) Animated space western in which an Indian marshal is sent to maintain law and order on a rough colony planet (20120)
10.00 His Majesty O'Keefe (1953) South Seas adventure starring Burt Lancaster and Joan Rice (69656)
12.00 Canon City (1948, b/w) Violent thriller, based on fact, about escaped prisoners on the run from a Colorado jail. With Scott Brady and Jeff Corey (10743)
2.00pm The Emperor's New Clothes (1987). Adaptation of the Brothers Grimm fairy-tale with Sid Caesar, Clive Revill and Robert Morse (33255)
4.00 Bravestarr: The Legend (as 8am) (9830)
6.00 Hearts on Fire (1991) Tom Skerritt hires Marg Helgenberger to care for his sick wife, played by Lesley Ann Warren (13491)
8.00 Toy Soldiers (1991): South American terrorists besiege an exclusive American prep school for problem children. With Sean Astin and Wil Wheaton (25236)
10.00 Into the Badlands (1991) Bruce Dern stars as a bounty hunter in a trilogy of short films. With Helen Hunt (68149)
11.30 The Further Adventures of Tennessee Buck (1988) Big-game hunter David Keith is hired by a wealthy couple. With Kathy Shower and Brant van Hoffman (468656)
1.05am The Ten Million Dollar Getaway (1991) Thriller about the mid-1970s heist at Kennedy airport. With John Mahoney, Karen Young and Tony LoBianco (629502)
2.40 True Colors (1990) John Cusack and James Spader stars as rivals running for political office (523540) Ends at **4.25**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6747453) **7.15** Prime Bodies (585120) **7.45** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (584491) **8.15** Soccer News (9368385) **8.30** Motor World (23255) **9.00** Prime Bodies (14507) **9.30** Sportsworld (38675) **10.00** Netbusters (3326588) **10.15** World Cup Football: Norway v Poland (62015138) **1.30pm** ATP Tennis (31762) **2.00** Regal Masters Snooker (748255) **5.00** Watersports (2946) **6.00** Soccer News (875052) **6.15** WWF All-American Wrestling (448195) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (91606726) **8.00** Regal Masters Snooker (67236) **10.00** Soccer News (796472) **10.15** Andy Gray's Boot Room (596656) **11.15** Best of British Motorsport (525168) **12.15-12.45am** NHRA Drag Racing Today (305057)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (73138) **8.00** Eurogolf (93410) **9.00** Triathlon (91491) **10.00** Athletics (99762) **11.00** Motors Magazine (19526) **12.00** Karting (46694) **1.00pm** Snooker (59656) **3.00** Waterskiing (42439) **4.00** Equestrian: European Dressage (21946) **5.00** Mountainbike (7014) **6.00** Olympia 2000 from Monaco (83472) **7.30** Eurosport News (4410) **8.00** Boxing (58588) **9.00** Football: The 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (28859) **10.30** ATP Tennis (97548) **11.00** Olympia 2000 from Monaco (90491) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (18298)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (8249897) **7.30** Neighbours (8227304) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1963236) **8.30** EastEnders (1962507) **9.00** The Bill (1953859) **9.30** The Onedin Line (1273304) **10.30** Bergerac (2237304) **11.30** Rhoda (4267061) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1966323) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2668323) **1.00** EastEnders (8247168) **1.30** The Bill (2667694) **2.00** For the Love of Ada (5892236) **2.30** Don't Wait Up (8531410) **3.00** Dallas (6162697) **4.00** Dynasty (1912994) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5883589) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8542526) **6.00** Neighbours (8543439) **6.30** EastEnders (8523491) **7.00** Survivors (3337830) **8.00** For the Love of Ada (5872472) **8.30** Don't Wait Up (5891507) **9.00** Bergerac (3333014) **10.00** The Bill (1967052) **10.30** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (1943472) **11.00** Top of the Pops (3913304) **11.40** Dr Who (8101014) **12.10am** Film: Dragstrip Girl (1957, b/w) starring Fay Spain and Steve Terrell (16563453) **1.25-2.00** Video Bites (3949927)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (256659) **9.00** Jack in the Box (55149) **11.00** Stories Without Words (87526) **11.30** Say Ahhh! featuring Good Sports (88256) **12.00** Fame (84878) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (59965) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (1236) **3.30** RatKan II (7156) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (9743) **4.30-5.00** Little Smarties (8255)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (94217) **7.30** Guts (79192) **8.00** Kid's Court (22526) **8.30** Wild Side Show (21897) **9.00** We All Have Tales (12149) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (36217) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (74965) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (47043) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (43168) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (87120) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (30033) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (93588) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (39304) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (6471) **2.30** Special Delivery (6491) **3.00** Kablooey (8236) **3.30** Out of Control (8236) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (7743) **4.30** Hey Dude (6255) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (4761) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (7507) **6.00** Guts (7120) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (8472)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (8520304) **4.30** Wild South (8525588) **5.00** Get Wet (5874630) **5.30** Go Fishing (6540168) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6759507) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards: Taiwan (3308472) **7.00** Islands of the Pacific: New Caledonia (3535472) **8.00** Sports Crazy (3344061) **8.50** Sports of the World (4394439) **9.00** Submarines, Sharks of Steel (3351656) **10.00** Coral Reef (1965694) **10.30** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient: Singapore (1941014) **11.00-12.00** The Greenpeace Years (8222859)

BRAVO
12.00 Film: Operation Diplomat (1953, b/w) A doctor is forced to perform an operation. Starring Guy Rolfe (58068323) **1.15pm** Film: Payroll (1961, b/w) A widow helps the police track her husband's killers. With Michael Craig (83001304) **3.00** Bonanza (8867025) **4.00** The "New" Honeymooners (6517830) **4.30** I Spy (1521694) **5.30** Honey West (8537694) **6.00** Scotland Yard (8534507) **6.30** The Man from Interpol (8525859) **7.00** Dan August (3362526) **8.00** Film: Dodge City (1939) Western starring Errol Flynn (92633033) **9.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (4362762) **10.00** Film: Loot (1970) Comedy with Dick Emery (1179410) **11.45-12.00** Robert Benchley (9637323)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (8680762) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1738014) **8.30** Living Daylights (1737385) **9.00** Divorce Court (1751965) **9.30** Hot Topics (7381014) **10.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth (4713526) **10.30** Living Extra (1757149) **11.00** Bazaar (3468675) **11.30** Mediterranean Cooking (3460304) **12.00** Practical Living (23932526) **12.15pm** Kilroy (9183491) **1.00** Crosswits (4338878) **1.30** Infatuation (7384101) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (4714255) **3.00** Agony Hour (3464120) **4.00** Crosswits (1074520) **4.30** Infatuation (5674584) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (7122859) **6.00** Your Baby and Child (9285977) **6.30** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (6129679) **7.00** Agony Hour (6850965) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6836385) **9.00** Film: Almost You (1984) Marital comedy with Brooke Adams and Griffin Dunne (6839472) **11.00** Divorce Courts (3451656) **11.30** On the Air With Dr Ruth (4702410) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (8677298)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (6781) **5.30** Wonder Years (9507) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (9120) **6.30** Catchphrase (7912) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (3217) **7.30** All Clued Up (6656) **8.00** Remington Steele (89472) **9.00** Neon Rider (66156) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (33656) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (42304) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (79507) **11.30** Newhart (34656) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (26892)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wild Side With Rebecca De Ruvo (258217) **9.00** VJ Marijne (900168) **12.00** Greatest Hits With Paul King (86236) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (49052) **2.30** All-Star Football Challenge: The Build Up! (53101) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report With Kristiane Backer (2032507) **3.45** At the Movies With Pip Dann (2020762) **4.00** News (1767694) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1757217) **4.30** Dial MTV (7385) **5.00** The Soul of MTV With Richie Rich (5439) **5.30** Music Non-Stop With Pip Dann (43859) **7.00** Beavis and Butthead (5675) **7.30** Most Wanted With Ray Cokes (15439) **9.00** Greatest Hits (66174) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (677946) **10.15** At the Movies (965101) **10.30** News (960236) **10.45** 3 from 1 (958491) **11.00** Party Zone With Simone (19033) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (87057) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (8499144)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (7582976) **9.30** Gardaab (29830) **10.30** Good Housekeeping (10694) **11.30** TVA and U (75781) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (52781) **12.30pm** Sona Chandi (92897) **1.00** Hindi Film: Kalpana (b/w) (805149) **4.00** Kiddie Time (65304) **5.00** TVA Dedicated To You (9014) **6.00** Close **7.00** Showtime with TV Asia (45014) **8.00** English News (660897) **8.15** Kanaal (159323) **9.00** Hindi Film: Gharana (379149) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6206076) **1.00** Hindi Film: Mawaali (2667908) **4.00** ID Youth (16811) **5.00** Khirkiyan (15858) **5.30-6.00** Business Plus (82873)

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Manchester may profit from probable early elimination of Berlin and Istanbul

Peking banks on supporters standing firm

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MONTE CARLO

THE bottom line of today's vote by the International Olympic Committee on the host city for the Games of 2000 is whether the controversies surrounding Peking have been damaging enough to lose it the nomination, rather than whether it, Sydney, previously regarded as joint favourites, or possibly even Manchester can win it. Peking leads going into the final straight.

The IOC, some of the members aware of the questions being asked about Peking, is sharply polarised: either believing it is desirable to bring China into the international arena, or solidly opposed to the idea for the time being. The numerical division of the two opinions is unclear prior to the vote, whatever the rumours. The likely scenario is one that I have expected since the campaigning began: that Peking will lead on the first round of voting, with around 30 of the 89 available votes, and that by the fourth round, after the elimination of Istanbul and Berlin, the support of Sydney and Manchester will have amalgamated, one way or the other, possibly in sufficient numbers to leapfrog over Peking and achieve the 45 needed for victory.

Exactly this sequence happened in 1990 at the election in Tokyo for the Centenary Games; the Toronto/Atlanta vote combined to defeat Athens. In other words, negative voting against Peking, on the second-preference vote by members whose first preference has been eliminated, is more likely to determine the result than an aggregate majority of first-choice votes.

Peking's difficulty is going to be, like that of Athens, to claw, after its initial lead, the additional 12 to 15 votes needed for a majority and victory. Some say that Peking can win on the first ballot: I consider this unlikely, unless Ganga (Congo), Sheik Ahmad (Kuwait), Vazquez Rana (Mexico) and Nebiolo (IAAF), the power-brokers, have more influence than I suppose.

Opinion seems undivided that Istanbul and Berlin will be the first two cities eliminated: Istanbul because it lacks sufficient impact and is a city for the future rather than the present; Berlin because of civic opposition, active violent protest and suspect finance for a technically sound bid.

Thereafter the different opinions proliferate. Some of the Istanbul Muslim votes are expected to go to Peking, but too few in number to produce the overall majority of 45. The dispersal of Berlin's vote is uncertain. Will they veer towards Manchester, fellow Europeans, or — wanting a non-European host for 2000 if it is not to be Berlin so that, say, Stuttgart can be a strong candidate for 2004 — towards Peking or Sydney?

How much will the gross European vote of 38 members, and indeed the rest, be influenced by a German financial survey that predicts a revenue of some $250 million more from television, by 2000, for a European host than for China or Australia? Dick Ebersol, head of the NBC network which gained the US rights for 1996, agrees with this prediction.

Furthermore, because the US rights figure is declining, in real terms, and the EBU fee is increasing — now standing at a ratio of 5:3 for 1996 as opposed to 20:1 in 1976 — Ebersol predicts that for a European host in 2000, the timing of individual star events will be geared for European rather than American television for the first time.

"The American networks have realised," Ebersol says, "that video coverage works the best for our audiences, because it allows editing to glamorize the leading personalities."

In the past few days, there have been so many conflicting indications of the tide. On Tuesday, the first day of the session — debating the general administration of Olympic affairs — candidate cities sitting in attendance were appalled at the behaviour of João Havelange, president of Fifa, the world governing body of football, who systematically took to one side the 14 Latin Americans to demand their loyalty to Peking.

Several openly protested to friends among other candidate cities at this action. One central Americas member suggested that the Latin American vote (including Mexico) was split 50-50 between Peking and Sydney, yet other indications are that at least three Latin Americans are in favour of Manchester.

The African vote of 15? Most of the major stadiums in black Africa are the gift of different Chinese provinces over the past 20 years, the Chinese preferring to offer sports facilities to guns, and some Africans will undoubtedly be loyal to Peking. The rest will split between Sydney and Manchester. The most economic Games for impoverished Africa lies in Europe.

The convenience factor of Europe is the reason Sydney has offered all transport and accommodation costs to competitors, including funds for families of athletes. Sydney recognises that, while it has the acknowledged recognition by the evaluation commission of being the best bid, it is far from almost everywhere, and does not have a natural electorate. How many in a secret ballot will vote for Australia?

At least one leading member of the Sydney committee was reduced to nervous shreds by yesterday, forecasting the possibility of a Peking-Manchester finale. That is the scenario which Bob Scott, the Manchester leader, would like, because he considers the nice-guy image of Manchester would profit from political doubts about Peking.

Such is the political/commercial significance of the Games award that three prime ministers will be on stage during final presentations to the IOC: from Turkey, Australia and Britain. John Major's delivery, the final speech for Manchester, will determine more than anything else, in my opinion, whether Manchester finish third, second or first.

On the assumption that there are some members concerned with stability, safety and the true interests of sport — and that there are possibly a dozen members still undecided on their first preference — Major could swing the balance away from Sydney if his appeal carries more conviction than Paul Keating, a known non-sportsman. Major is taking a gamble on his political reputation by involving himself, but the sincerity of his commitment is unmistakable.

The fact that members will not know the voting figures round by round, other than the city to be eliminated, further confuses prediction. A possible analysis is that, if the elimination of Istanbul and Berlin does not provide Peking with a majority by the third round, Sydney or Manchester can overhaul Peking in the fourth.

The result is scheduled to be announced at 7.20 this evening.

☐ Juan-Antonio Samaranch was re-elected, unopposed, president of the International Olympic Committee for another four years yesterday. Samaranch, 72, has held the post since 1980.

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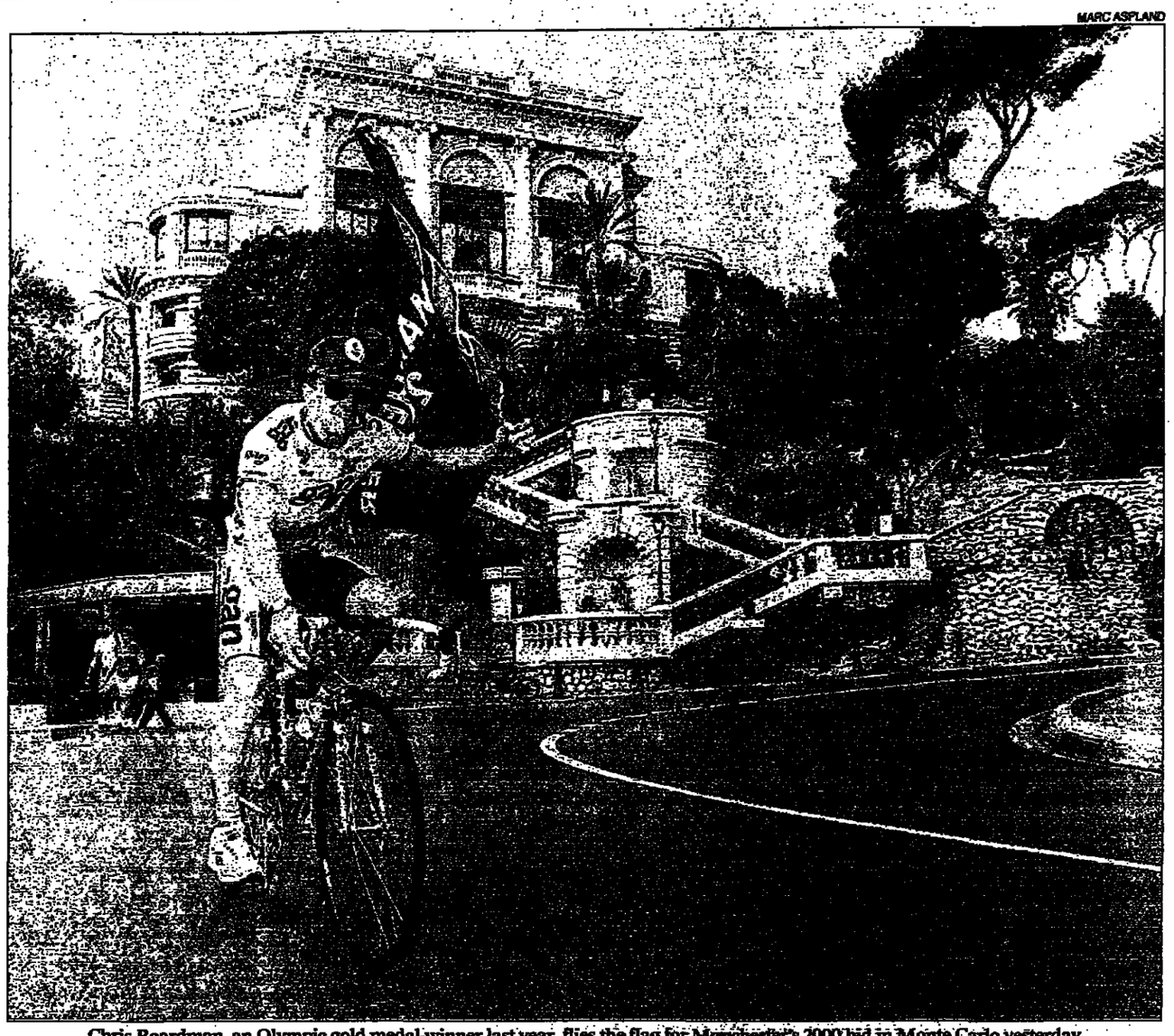

Chris Boardman, an Olympic gold medal-winner last year, flies the flag for Manchester's 2000 bid in Monte Carlo yesterday

Scott hopes Major can help in vote

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN MONTE CARLO

BOB Scott yesterday forecast that Manchester is assured of 20 votes in the first round when the 89 members of the International Olympic Committee have their poll on the venue for the 2000 Olympic Games.

Scott, who has led Britain's bid to stage the event for the first time since 1948, is still optimistic of victory, although he accepts that Peking remains the favourite among the five candidates.

With John Major winding up Manchester's presentation today after contributions from the Princess Royal, Linford Christie and Scott, Manchester is hoping the prime minister's presence and passionate enthusiasm for sport will sway the vote. The winning city is the one that first obtains an absolute majority of 45 votes, with the city balloting the fewest number of votes dropping out in each round.

Scott said that it was important to have a "classy presentation" because several IOC members believed that this could sway the ballot. He said that the IOC was "genuinely troubled" by the choice of Peking. "There is a great risk in choosing Peking, but they genuinely feel that they can help the Chinese into the world that they are trying to enter at the moment. It is a tough issue."

He said that he believed that voting groups, such as the Latin Americans, did not really exist anymore and that many IOC members would make up their individual minds without being tied to any block voting system.

Scott said that he "did not bear the human rights issue being discussed by the IOC members", despite widespread criticisms by Western politicians that giving the Games to Peking was immoral.

Watson leaves nothing to chance in practice

Janzen: apologetic

BY JOHN HOPKINS
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IF VISUAL evidence was needed of the success and popularity of the Ryder Cup, it came in mid-afternoon yesterday as the Americans came in waves of fourballs to the 18th hole at The Belfry. The setting at this cockpit of excitement was magnificent, the colours of the trees heightened by the sun. A feeling of well-being was induced by the warmth and lack of wind.

The 18th was ringed with spectators often two and three deep from the tee up the right side of the fairway all the way to the green. The stands behind the 18th and the 9th greens were well filled and a procession of spectators made its way up the 9th fairway as well. There were as many spectators in place at this moment as during the Ryder Cup in 1985 — and this was only the second day of practice.

The owners of The Belfry could not have a chosen a better day to announce plans to spend £7 million to build a third course, and a teaching academy. It was a pre-emptive strike for the Ryder Cup in 2001.

For the second day running, Tom Watson was a hands-on captain on the concluding hole. After Corey Pavin, Lanny Wadkins, Jim Gallagher and Lee Janzen had driven from the tee he moved across to the water's edge and conferred with his players about the distances of the carries from the tee.

On the green, Watson was again involved, moving around, watching, fretting, thinking. He may be the most conspicuous captain the Americans have had in recent times. If the United States lose, it will not be because Watson has left anything undone.

Earlier he had roamed from group to group, a neat figure in rain gear and a white baseball cap. "Who's ahead?" was his perennial greeting, except when he talked to the Wadkins and Janzen partnership, who were playing Gallagher and Pavin, and he thought he knew the answer. He thought it would be Wadkins, a successful match (and money) player. But Wadkins was having no luck this time. Though Janzen ran in that putt on the 18th, he and Wadkins lost to their opponents. Janzen, the US Open champion, was apologetic. "I let Lanny down," he said.

The sun had not lessened by the time Payne Stewart reached the 18th and as he putted its rays burnished the gold tips he has on his shoes. On such a calm day, the 18th was at its most benign. Nonetheless, Stewart, who drove into the water during the singles four years ago, remains chary of the hole. "The best way to play the 18th is for me never to get there," he said.

By this time, the Europeans had concluded their practice. Seve Ballesteros and José María Olazábal were paired together in fourballs and they bent their knees to the debutants, Joakim Haeggman and Costantino Rocca, never more so than at the 10th. Haeggman, who is growing in confidence by the day, whacked his first tee shot to within ten feet using a three-wood and then, for good measure, hit a one-iron to four feet. Ballesteros was impressed.

Ballesteros is trying to raise the self-esteem of Olazábal, his countryman. It is an important task and he has not finished it yet. "I need to talk to him a little more and then that's it," Ballesteros said.

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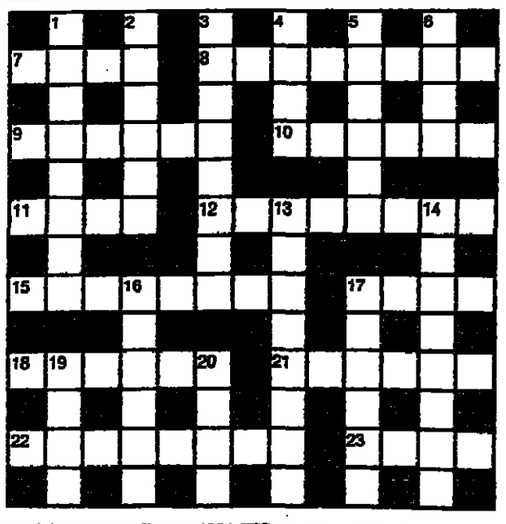

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8 Contradictory conjunction (5)
9 Fairness (6)
10 Eatable (6)
11 Abominably wicked (4)
12 Lasting for a lifetime (8)
15 Medical institution (8)
17 Bludgeon (4)
18 Unfold (6)
21 Make decision (6)
22 Very tasty (8)
23 Exist (4)

DOWN
1 Malarial insect (8)
2 Nimble elf (6)
3 Multi-linguist (8)
4 Mongrel (4)
5 Informal gathering (6)
6 Moderately cold (4)
13 Suicide (4,2,2)
14 Sudden plunge (8)
16 Jab through (6)
17 Shrill squawk (6)
19 Purse lips (4)
20 Terrible fate (4)

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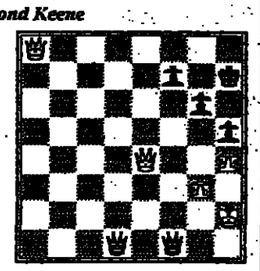
By Raymond Keene

Today we continue to celebrate The Times World Chess Championship by looking at critical positions from previous championships. This position is a possible conclusion from the game Capablanca - Alekhine, World Championship 1927.

The existence of four queens on the board creates unusual tactical possibilities. How did the great attacking genius Alekhine, Black to play, make the most of these?



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WORD WATCH

By Philip Howard

MAGENTA
a. A dye
b. An Italian lake
c. A town in Lombardy

DAVENPORT TRICK
a. A secret desk drawer
b. A winning play at Whist
c. Bogus escapology

TALBOT
a. A chest-of-drawers
b. A French pirate
c. A hound

HOB
a. Robin Goodfellow
b. A male badger
c. Gossip

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